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National Police Week May 2003

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Police Week is always the week of May 15, Peace Officers Memorial Day. The Candlelight Vigil is always May 13.

May 9, 2003 (Friday)
9th Annual Blue Mass

May 11, 2003 (Sunday)
8th Annual Law Ride

May 12, 2003 (Monday)
Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

May 13, 2003 (Tuesday)
15th Annual Candlelight Vigil, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

May 14, 2003 (Wednesday)
National Concerns of Police Survivors' Seminars
Eighth Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service

May 15, 2003 (Thursday)
22nd Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Services
FOP/FOPA Wreathlaying Ceremony



CALIFORNIA

Candlelight Vigil

Thursday, May 8, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.
State Capitol, California Peace Officers' Memorial Monument

Private Indoor Ceremony
Friday, May 9, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
State Capitol

LOS ANGELES

LAPD Memorial Service
Friday, May 23, 1:30 p.m.
Parker Center

L.A. County Peace Officer Memorial

Thursday, May 1, 10:00 a.m.
L.A. Sheriffs Star Center, Whittier

The Los Angeles Police Department's **ARMED FORCES FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY**

All LAPD Personnel are invited to attend the Family Appreciation Day Picnic

Saturday, May 31, 2003
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Elysian Park Police Academy
1880 N. Academy Road, Los Angeles

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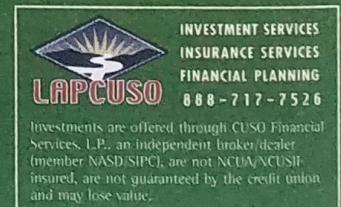
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FUNDING NECESSARY FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

Bob Baker, President

As our troops push forward in Iraq and other parts of the Middle East, the bills are mounting at home for both waging the war and covering the costs associated with protecting our homeland. While we support the need to be asserting ourselves overseas, the stress that is being placed on our city and state governments as they attempt to keep up with the federal government's homeland security mandates — as well as the other day-to-day needs of local government — is overwhelming.

As the nation's second largest city and the site of numerous landmarks and the world's third-busiest airport, police protection is critical. Not only is it important for the LAPD to guard against domestic crime and threats, such as gang assaults, but also it is important that we act as the "first responders" to detect and intercept terrorist threats that may be waged upon Los Angeles.

We should expect that activity of this type will, at times, be a part of our jobs. After all, we serve as the city's first line of defense against these threats. However, we cannot keep up when the federal government continues to require more and more of us, without equipping us with the tools or training to succeed in this mission.

You can't put a price tag on the safety of our city, but it's getting harder and harder to ignore as the costs mount

higher and higher and our state and city governments contemplate cutting important services.

What is most frightening is the fact that our state leaders continue to squabble and delay the approval of a budget while our local governments push on without any indication of funding or approval of programs. Without knowing how our deficit will be closed, how can we plan for the future and put programs into place to protect our safety? California may need to borrow as much as \$10 billion in the coming months to ensure the continued coverage of paychecks and other bills — not a promising sign when our state is facing mounting security costs and other important programs.

As the state's first line of defense against terrorism and domestic crimes, we cannot play around with the funding of our law enforcement organizations. If nothing else is guaranteed, the protection of the residents of our cities and state should be.

We need several things to happen so that our first responders are protected.

One, the state leadership needs to find a budget solution that not only supports our state, but also provides resources for its protection. They also need to help local governments by putting pressure on their federal counterparts to free up the funding allocated for homeland security.

Above all, it's up to the federal government to provide funding for most, if not all, of the requirements they place on cities and states to provide homeland security. Cities are being forced to step in and close the gap.

We need basics, such as gas masks and protective suits, as well as advanced equipment such as meters to detect such things as "dirty" bombs and other chemical or biological weapons. We also need resources to provide adequate training to our officers in how to use these tools.

If officers are not empowered to adequately do their jobs in the event of ter-

rorist threats or attacks, one could only fathom the damage that could be inflicted on our officers and our city's residents. Our officers are only as good as the resources or training that are at their disposal — and, unfortunately, in the face of biological or chemical assaults, we are woefully unequipped. We need state and federal funding to better prepare for these threats to our safety, and to enable our cities and states to continue to provide the other programs we so desperately need — including continued funding for the police officers who protect our streets every day.

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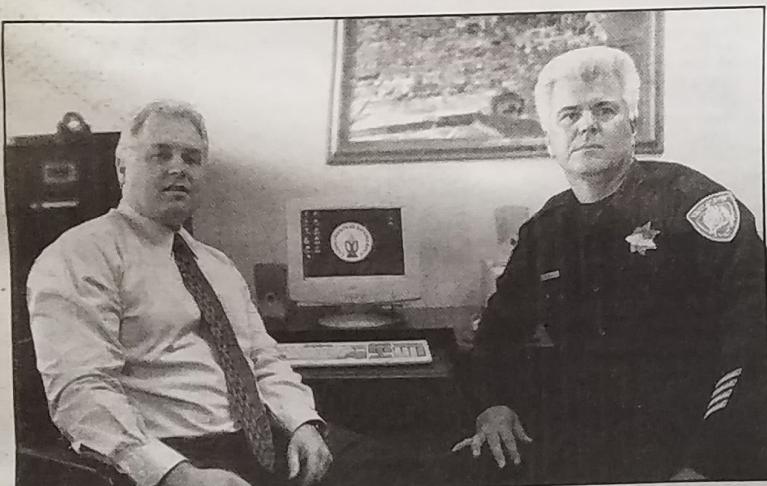
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PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY

Mitzi Grasso, Vice President

The LAPPL strongly embraces the philosophy of partnerships, both with the Department and with the community. We recognize that an effective Department is based upon a partnership between police officers, management and the community. Since Chief Bratton arrived in Los Angeles, the LAPPL has been holding regular meetings with Department staff officers and community leaders to talk about important public safety issues. As this month's column demonstrates, working together, we can make our city safer.

LAPD Grows After Years Of Decline

We finally have some wonderful news to report regarding attrition. After years in which the LAPD shrank under the impact of retirements, firings and resignations due to low morale and a lack of a compressed work schedule, the LAPD will gain about 325 officers.

For the first time in some time, the LAPD will end the fiscal year with more than the Department started out the year with. And the good news is that there is money to hire 675 officers, and the Department is only expected to lose 350 to retirements and resignations. While this is the good news, even with the new recruits, the LAPD will have about 285 fewer officers than the 9,852 we had at our peak strength five years ago.

Chief Bratton may have said it best when he told the media, "Clearly, increasing by 300 or 400 officers is not nearly enough, but it's a lot better than losing officers. We will make do with what we have."

As many of you know, the Department had been losing officers faster than it could replace them for at least three years. Last fall, a study by the *Los Angeles Times* found that the city had the lowest number of officers per capita of the nation's five

largest cities, at about one for every 404 residents. By comparison, New York had one for every 220 residents.

While most of the credit for the turnaround in recruitment belongs to Captain Richard Webb, commanding officer of the LAPD's Recruitment and Employment Division, we must not forget that the LAPPL has played a significant role in helping improve recruitment.

In fact, our campaign last year highlighted the fact that officers were leaving because they were unhappy with the unfair discipline under former police chief Bernard C. Parks. Moreover, our campaign to fully implement flexible work schedules department-wide has not only helped retain officers, it has also helped improve public safety. Proof that our efforts to improve morale are paying off is the fact that last year alone, 41 police officers completed the city's restoration program and came back to the Department.

The LAPPL is now working in partnership with the LAPD to recruit new police officers. We are working side-by-side with the LAPD in an aggressive recruitment program, have given the Department commercial airtime for recruiting purposes, supported recruiting events at places like K-EARTH 101's Earth Day and have worked with the city to cut through red tape in the hiring process.

The results of our collaborative efforts are that the understaffed LAPD has tripled the number of applicants entering the Police Academy, giving the Department the chance to increase the number of officers for the first time in years.

The streamlined recruitment process implemented by Captain Webb has trimmed six months from the 10 months it previously took to process paperwork

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WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE

Ted Hunt, Secretary

Communication skills are probably the most important skills one can develop and possess in life, particularly if you are a police officer.

In the classic motion picture "Cool Hand Luke," the hero, played by Academy Award winning actor Paul Newman, was continually "not going along with the program." In other words, Luke wasn't a typical prisoner and his actions upset the routine and comfort level of the prison, prisoners and staff.

After he had escaped and was recaptured, the beaten and bloodied Luke was lying on the ground in front of Strother Martin, who played the part of the Warden. Martin surveyed the assembled prisoners, then looked down at Luke and uttered the infamous line, "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

The failure to communicate is so prevalent in our world. Deficient communications leads to failed understanding; to disrespect, problems, offensive behavior, disagreements, insults, affronts, and indignities. It leads to bias, bigotry, and hatred.

Most conflicts in the world aren't really conflicts at all, they are misunderstandings based on the failure to communicate. One way to solve the conflict before it starts is based on an ancient Native American Indian tradition of the "Talking Stick." The rule was that only the person who held the Talking Stick was allowed to speak. When the Talking Stick was passed to the next person, he/she first had to recapitulate the point that the previous person was trying to make. And no one could proceed until the point that the first person was trying to make was understood by everyone. This is very frustrating and difficult to do.

There are four basic methods of communication: writing, reading, speaking and listening. Stephen Covey wrote in his now classic best-selling book, *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, "You spend years learning to read and write, years learning how to speak. But what about listening? What training have you had that enables you to [really] listen . . . ?"

Most people don't listen. They may appear to listen, even utter the proper "grunt-pattern" in order to give the appearance of listening, but they really aren't listening. They are preparing in their mind what they are going to say next.

Everyone, wants to be listened to and to be understood. No one is different. It's

a basic human need to be understood. That is compounded by the fact that people see and hear what they want to see and hear based on their own "communications" prism.

A prism is a three-dimensional piece of (usually) glass that is geometrically configured to take the light of the sun, which is called white light, and separates it into the distinct bands of colors that make up sunlight.

When people communicate, they do so through their own prism. It may have a broad spectrum of light or a narrow spectrum. As people listen, they physically hear what was said and then process the information through their prism. They divide what was actually said into bands of information and then select the band that they wanted to hear and ignore everything else.

It is usually a subconscious activity. A person can't help it. Their prism has been created or programmed to divide things into specific "bands" of the spectrum. It is based on their life's experiences coupled with their education and training – it is their own prism.

To illustrate, one time some people were discussing a legal case, a consent decree which is a "lawful (legal) command by the court which binds parties of interest." As the conversation continued, the question was posed as to why one association was not involved in a specific consent decree. The response was that the association was not a party to the suit. In this context, we all understand that what was being discussed was not a suit of clothes but a lawsuit. That may sound silly, but understanding the difference between suits (lawsuit or suit of clothing) is part of actually listening.

The conversation continued. Since the association was not a party to the suit, it therefore had no interest in the case. In this context, interest did not mean the amount of money charged for a loan. That is a non sequitor, it doesn't sequence or follow. It meant a legal right to be involved in the case, a legal interest.

This is what listening is all about. Because the discussion was about a legal issue – the consent decree which is a legal case – the speaker used legal terms in a legal context. But unfortunately, someone did not understand the use of a legal term in a legal context and jumped to the wrong conclusion. The "listener" concluded that the association was not interested in the issues that brought about the lawsuit.

While it may seem unbelievable that someone could so grossly misinterpret a legal term used in a legal context, we need to try to understand why a person was so far off base.

We are all predisposed to see and hear things through our own prism. We filter through the spectrum of our prism what we want to see and hear. In the example above, the spectrum of the person's prism was so narrow that they weren't able to see all of the lights and therefore could not understand what was being said. The person wasn't stupid. The prism was just too narrow. Some people call that prejudice.

Covey wrote, "When another person speaks, we're usually 'listening' at one of four levels." One of those levels is *attentive listening*, where a person pays attention and focuses on what is being said. Another form of listening is *ignoring* the other person and not really listening at all. The third form of listening is *pretending*. That's the proper grunt-pattern I spoke of earlier, like "Uh-huh, hhmmpmm, oh yeah." Fourth, is *selective listening*. Selective listening is listening, filtered through one's own communications prism. You hear what you want to hear and ignore the rest.

Covey proposes a fifth kind of listening that he calls *empathetic listening*. It is distinguished by the fact that the listener pays attention and seeks to understand. Empathetic listening derives from the word empathy. Empathetic listening means that one person "gets inside another person's frame of reference," and "seeks first to understand" not just listen.

In other words, you get-into-it, you absorb it all. You hear the words but you also observe the body language and you put things into context. Then you use cognition, feeling and intuition. You

begin to filter the inflow of data through the entire spectrum of your communications prism and the other person's prism as well.

One of the ways that we can overcome bias, bigotry and hatred is to improve our ability to communicate. People who see and hear through a communications prism which has a narrow spectrum should be helped. Through a broad based education people begin to have greater understanding. They develop their ability to empathetically listen.

The mission of the Los Angeles Police Department includes a phrase that we do our job by treating everyone with dignity and respect. But we don't even treat each other with dignity and respect. How the hell can we expect others – people outside the Department – to treat us with respect when we don't respect them and we don't even respect each other?

This is a people thing. It transcends this Department. It's a problem that some people have regardless of rank, sworn or civilian status, race, gender, religion, life style, national origin or creed. All people are susceptible to this malady. Ignorance knows no boundaries.

Let's improve our communications. We can start to make a difference by listening. And if you need to seek counseling to get rid of the demons that cause you to be so angry, bitter and frustrated, then go get counseling. It's totally free and confidential. Just call (MHN 877-646-5275). And let's get back to the way we were in the Academy. Let's treat each other with the respect and dignity we deserve. And then let us act out our lives like we deserve it. Only then will we get the respect and dignity back from the people we are sworn to serve and to protect. ♦

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New Complaint System

On March 27, 2003, at a Community Meeting, Chief of Police William Bratton praised the recent decline in the number of complaints as a sign the Department is on the right track. At a recent meeting with the Chief of Police we were told that personnel complaints have dropped 37%.

However, we were also told that some audits conducted by the Department showed some officers and supervisors not complying with the new complaint system concerning when you should take a complaint.

I am writing about this to remind members that the duties to initiate complaints have not changed. The way the Department investigates and adjudicates a complaint has. The Chief of Police and the League are attempting to get this message out so officers don't get into trouble for not complying with the new system.

In my opinion, the new complaint system is not perfect. However, it is a step in

the right direction in changing the way we did business for the last five years.

Medical Insurance

We are currently meeting with Police Relief and Blue Cross regarding the new contract that will be in effect on July 1, 2003. We have been told Blue Cross is asking for a 34% increase in the cost of medical insurance. We are meeting weekly and sometimes daily to address this issue with Blue Cross Executives, Police Relief and City Officials. I will be updating Delegates and members monthly through out the *Thin Blue Line* and at Delegate Meetings on progress we are making. This absolutely is one the biggest obstacles facing us in the new MOU. The current MOU expires on June 30, 2003.

However, three years ago when we were negotiating the current MOU we were faced with a 24% increase in medical insurance and were able to arrive at a solution.

Take care and be safe.



LAPRAAC HOME LOAN PROGRAM AND REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Your response to the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program and Real Estate Services have been tremendous. LAPD/LAPRAAC members, families and friends who have bought or sold a home using the program have saved money and raved about the cash rebates. I would like to thank everyone for their complimentary letters and e-mails expressing your money-saving experiences with the program. Our super competitive loan rates, free-credit check and a flat lender fees have made the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program a winner. The negotiating power of a large organization (LAPD/LAPRAAC) creates these cash rebates and incentives.



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WHAT ARE FICO SCORES?

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Developing these models involves studying how thousands, even millions, of people have used credit. Score-model developers find predictive factors in the data that have proven to indicate future credit performance. Models can be developed from different sources of data. Credit-bureau models are developed from information in consumer credit-bureau reports.

Credit scores analyze a borrower's credit history considering numerous factors such as:

- Late payments
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- The amount of credit used versus the amount of credit available
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- Employment history
- Negative credit information such as bankruptcies, charge-offs, collections, etc.

There are really three FICO scores computed by data provided by each of the three bureaus, Experian, Trans Union and Equifax. Some lenders use one of these three scores, while other lenders may use the middle score.

HOW CAN I INCREASE MY SCORE?

While it is difficult to increase your score over the short run, here are some tips to increase your score over a period of time.

- Pay your bills on time. Late payments and collections can have a serious impact on your score.
- Do not apply for credit frequently. Having a large number of inquiries on your credit report can worsen your score.
- Reduce your credit-card balances. If you are "maxed" out on your credit cards, this will affect your credit score negatively.
- If you have limited credit, obtain additional credit. Not having sufficient credit can negatively impact your score.

I have a great website that will give you lots of information and insight to your FICO scores. The website is www.myfico.com. Please let me know your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for your trust and confidence in the LAPRAAC Real Estate Services and each month I hope to give you more insight and knowledge to help fulfill your dreams and goals in the real estate market.

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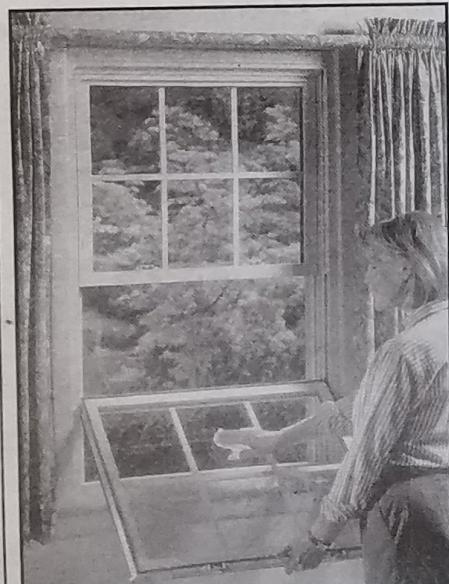
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DROP NEWS

Luther Lutz

Recently, I have received several calls regarding a rumor that DROP is going to be discontinued. Before I provide the answer to the rumor, I would like to discuss planning. We all make plans. When you go out to dinner with someone special or for a special occasion, you make plans about where you will eat. In making your dinner plans you consider what you want to eat, the ambiance of the restaurant, and the quality and price of the food. Or if you are going out to dinner and it is not a special occasion, you may adjust your planning and consider only the price and the quality of the food. When going on vacation, you do not wake up the morning your vacation begins and think, "Gee where should I go or what should I do on my vacation?" Your vacation plans were made either months or weeks ago and what you are going to do is pretty much planned.

Yes, we all make plans for things that we believe are important because we do

not want to be caught unprepared. However, too many officers fail to make plans for retirement, which is the one event that has the biggest impact on their lifestyle and how they will live for the rest of their life. It does not matter how many dirt bikes, water toys, or sports cars you drive, eventually everyone gets old and retires. How you prepare for it determines how you will spend your retirement years. Will you be constantly trying to make ends meet or will you have enough money to enjoy retirement. That is where DROP comes in.

Previously, I was assigned to Personnel Division for almost 10 years. During that time, I walked by the retirement counselor's office many times and saw former partners and classmates talking with either Thorny Henderson or Don Keith regarding retirement. Unfortunately, too many officers who wanted to retire found out they could not afford to retire. After Thorny or Don gave their basic course on

economics 101, the response would usually be something like, "That's all I get? I have to pay that much for my medical insurance? I can't live on that, I guess I will have to stay a few more years."

There were far too many officers sitting with Thorny or Don discussing their retirement options who had never done any financial planning or made any plans for their retirement. They had not put any money into the deferred compensation program nor saved any money for their retirement. When informed that, depending on their retirement date, it would be six to eight weeks before they received their first pension check and two or three months before they would receive their payout for their sick time, vacation time, and accumulated overtime, the usual response was, "How am I supposed to pay my bills and make my house payment until then?" Many of these officers had no money saved and their only nest egg or savings for retirement was the cash buyout of their accrued sick time, vacation time, and accumulated overtime.

That is where DROP comes in. DROP will assist officers who have not participated in the deferred compensation program or saved money for retirement. There are 495 officers currently enrolled in DROP. These officers are accumulating money for their retirement and because of this opportunity they can plan for their financial future. Yes, because these officers entered DROP, it temporarily slowed down opportunities for younger officers in regard to transfers, upgrades, and promotions. However, this will be temporary and retirements will again occur in an orderly fashion and officers that will be retiring will be financially secure thanks to the DROP Program.

So, if you have not fallen asleep yet or lost interest, the answer to the question is that DROP is not going away, at least for four more years. DROP was a ballot measure passed by the voters and it will

be evaluated in two years to determine if it will be continued beyond May 1, 2007. Anyone going into the program prior to May 1, 2007, is guaranteed five years from the date they enter the program. Some of the issues that will be evaluated to determine if DROP will be extended is its impact on recruitment and attrition, while remaining cost neutral. Despite the political posturing of headline grabbing politicians and members of the command staff regarding how some officers are abusing or may abuse the program, DROP is beneficial to both the Department and the membership. Should it become necessary to modify the DROP program, any modifications would be subject to the meet and confer process between the Department and the League. The City Administrative Code would then have to be changed to reflect the changes that are agreed to. Although I am not an attorney, I have been informed that the changes would only impact officers entering DROP, not the ones that are currently in it. The League does not want anyone to misuse or abuse the benefits that are provided by DROP. However, the command staff and politicians cannot arbitrarily make changes to DROP because of the perception that someone is taking advantage of the benefits it provides.

Before closing my article, I want to touch briefly on the upcoming contract negotiations. I just want to assure everyone that the League knows where it is going on the contract and what it wants. Negotiating a contract is just like planning for retirement. Negotiating a contract is not something that you go into unprepared. The Board of Directors and the members of the contract negotiation committee have a plan and will be using the plan that has been developed to get the best contract possible.

Like always, if you need anything call me or any of the League Directors, at (213) 251-4554.

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LAPD DROPPING TALENT

Peter Repovich

Now that we are going into modern times and we have permission to think again, we need to look at just how we recognize and select talent within the organization through the promotional process.

It seems to me that many officers who would be dynamite supervisors or managers can get left behind without any second thought by the organization. This issue came to mind in a Police Commission meeting where the Commissioners were discussing a report on compliance with the Hunter-LaLey consent decree. The question was asked, how do we get more people to attend promotional seminars? Apparently, officers just don't attend these seminars in any kind of steady numbers. The consent decree itself requires the Department to encourage participation and, measures subsequent success or failure of participation results from these promotional seminars.

I think I have some answers. We first need to set organizational goals that include and understand that by training and making promotional seminars part of the fabric of LAPD, the organization itself gets back. What I mean by part of the fabric, is it must be important to the organization itself to give you more tools in the tool box so that everyone can make better decisions and enhance organizational successes. This kind of think-

ing needs to be part of our continuing education process set by strong real organizational goals. At present, we send people to schools that are mandated for some reason, whether it is a POST requirement or a consent decree requirement or a departmental requirement. We need to send officers to our schools to enhance our perspective, a broader perspective, to meet organizational goals that were developed to help officers maximize their personal potential. Pay officers by sending them on duty to promotional seminars, and stand by for the success the Department will have in the long run as a result of thinking in bigger terms, like a university.

Now is the time to think out of the box, be more like a business, borrow some ideas from the military, and empower the organization in the long run. This process also must include a realistic approach to training given a lack of resources. We need to create classes or modules that utilize training booklets that you send away for, or request via Department LAN, or even complete a course on a web site. The military does this with great success and ties it to the person's resume when it comes time for promotional review. If an officer wants to promote his resume, then he or she takes more correspon-

dence classes. This will also allow for a much broader number of courses that can be offered, in a variety of subject matters. Imagine training that encompasses many different subjects that can give officers a wider outlook in many fields of expertise, and can enhance the quality of their personal lives.

Then, after the Department understands that helping you help yourself helps them, we can revamp how we actually promote personnel. Consider time, grade and experience, like the military. Maybe written tests should be reconsidered. It's possible that they leave very talented, experienced officers behind. Having meaningful reviews, even if they don't always result in a promotion helps the employee by leaving with goals that, if accomplished, will help the employee get promoted the next time around. Let's get to qualifications and experience. Again, I think time, grade, experience and promotional reviews like the military and the business world accomplish more for the officer and for the organization itself over time. The more opportunity for personal success that the organization can provide our employees, everyone is the winner, the citizens of Los Angeles, the organization, and the employee.

If you want to slow down crime, if you want the Department to be efficient, if you want to keep to a budget, and if you want a healthy organization, come up with reasons why we can say how, rather than why we can't.

Eagle and Badge Continues Its Giving Record

As the Eagle and Badge Foundation enters its second full year of existence, we are increasing our giving and identifying new organizations we can support through the funds we have raised.

Recently I, along with Eagle and Badge Foundation President Arthur M. Kassel and LAPPL President Bob Baker, had the honor of attending a birthday party for City Council President Alex Padilla at the Getty House,

which served as a benefit for the new Children's Museum of Los Angeles. At this event, the Eagle and Badge Foundation pledged \$25,000 to the Children's Museum of Los Angeles – the entire event raised \$1 million! Although the new Children's Museum will open at two sites, near Little Tokyo and in the San Fernando Valley, the old museum downtown was designed to make everyday experiences clear to children through a hands-on learning environment. The museum had interactive exhibits that include video and record studios, Club ECO, H2O: The Story of Water and art workshops. The new Children's Museum of Los Angeles is projected to draw 1,000,000 visitors in its first year – the Little Tokyo site in Art Park is projected to open in 2006, and the San Fernando Valley site near Hansen Dam is projected to open in early 2004. We look forward to the children of our community having the opportunity to experience the new museum when it is complete!

We also recently donated \$7,500 to the DARE Division, for continued support of this important educational program and funding of a new program to encourage students with positive messages and reminders on items such as bookmarks, as well as recognition with certificates of graduation. Arthur and I attended the DARE graduation at the Police Academy in March for all students involved with the LAPD program. As the home of the 2002 DARE Officer of the Year – Glenn Bedford of the LAPD – it is evident that our program here in Los Angeles is supporting local students and helping them make the choice to stay drug-free.

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A NEW BENEFIT

Cliff Ruff

The Board of Deferred Compensation Administration has approved the development of a loan program where participants in deferred compensation can make loans from their accounts. The proposed concept would permit loans up to \$50,000 or 50% of the balance, whichever is less. Repayment would have to be made within five years by after-tax payroll deduction. A loan for the purpose of a primary residence would allow up to fifteen years to repay by after-tax payroll deduction. The interest rate would be two points above the prime rate at the time the loan was originated. None of the interest payments would be tax deductible.

While 401k plans have always permitted loans, there were no explicit rules in 457 (Deferred Compensation) to allow loans. In 2002, the Treasury Department permitted the use of loans in 457 plans. With that authorization, your Board of Deferred Compensation Administration and Great-West are developing the rules and procedures for a loan program for participants in the City's 457 plan. This may be ready by the fourth quarter of this year. The program needs to have the Controller's new PAYSPR Payroll System online and running to allow for a post-tax payroll deduction for transmittal to Great-West.

A participant desiring a loan would not be required to fill out a loan application. The program would be initiated online or through KeyTalk. The loan

agreement would be on the back of the check when you endorse it. There would be a \$50 loan origination fee paid from your account balance and a \$25 annual loan maintenance fee pro-rated quarterly from your account. The loan payments must be made by payroll deductions but you are permitted to repay the full remaining balance by cashier's check or bank money order. A person who fails to repay the loan or leaves City employment for any reason will be considered in default and the remaining balance of the loan would be considered a taxable distribution for which a 1099R will be issued for the year in which the default occurred. If you are under 59 1/2 years of age, that remaining loan balance on a 1099R could be deemed an early distribution subject to a 10% penalty under IRS rule 72t. As with any loan, you never want to default.

The ultimate goal of the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration is to have 100% participation in the program. This is for the individual's benefit, not the City's. LAPD has one of the better participation rates in the City at 75% for both rank and file and command officers. To me that means one out of every four officers aren't in Deferred Compensation and they should be. It is a tax deferred savings program where you get to use the government's portion to compound interest over the length of your career. Any accountant or certified financial planner will attest to the value of this bene-

fit. Every officer should participate in Deferred Compensation.

While a person should avoid loans, they are a reality in life. By creating this benefit, the Deferred Compensation Board offers a low interest payroll deduction repayment plan with no hassles. People who make hardship withdrawals must pay income tax on the amount withdrawn. People who make loans do not have a tax liability as long as they pay the loan off. This is a good benefit. If you are not now in Deferred Compensation call 888-457-9460 and start. It is never too late to start saving money. Diversify your money and never put all of your eggs in one basket. You will be glad you're a participant in Deferred Compensation.

Everyone who is in Deferred Compensation will be notified by mail when the program is available. Please don't call them until the loan program is online, which may not be until the fourth quarter (October 2003).

DROP Update

Due to a hiring freeze by the City and backlog at Fiscal Operations Division, there has been a delay in the processing of DROP applications at FOD. As soon as FOD verifies salaries and time, the Pension Department places the officer's DROP status on the consent agenda for

official Pension Board approval. There is currently a backlog of 200 officers. We ask you to be patient. Your start date will be the date you selected on your application when you submitted the paperwork to the Pension Department. Because pension formulas are calculated to the exact date of entry into DROP, FOD is required to verify your rate of pay and whether or not there is any bad time. The Pension Department is working to get the account statements online and out to you. Again please be patient, your money is safe and earning interest at Pensions. There are almost 500 police and 300 fire participants in DROP. May 1, 2003, will mark the first anniversary of DROP. It was a better benefit to you to start DROP May 1, 2002, than to wait until the account systems were up and running. When you do get your statements, if there are any discrepancies they will be resolved and the Pension Board has the authority to make the appropriate corrections.

The good news is that the retirement COLA is 3.6% and members in DROP will be eligible for up to 3% pro-rated adjustments on their DROP contributions, and those on Tier 5 in DROP will have .6% in their COLA bank.

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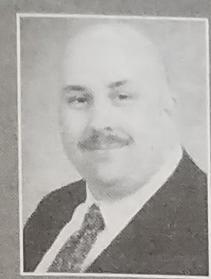
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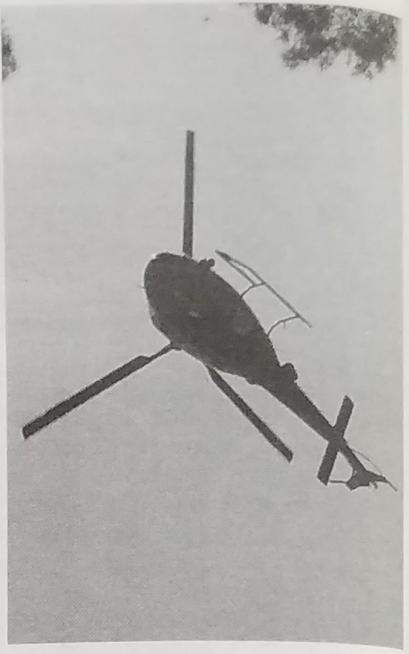
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SSgt. James W. Cawley is survived by his wife Miyuki Cawley, his son Cecil T. Cawley age 8, and his daughter Keiko Cawley age 6, all of Layton, Utah.

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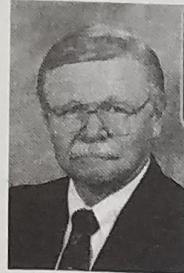
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Mixed Messages

On the one hand, the Chief of Police put out the message that "the game of "Gotcha!" in this Department is coming to an end." On the other hand, the League is still getting calls from members who are definitely the victims of "Gotcha!" What gives?

There has been a lot of discussion on changing the "culture" of the Department. If there is such a thing as an LAPD culture, there is also such a thing as management culture. In spite of the intentions of Chief Bratton, the culture that disabled this Department in the last few years is alive and well and instilled in some of the supervision and command staff who are still in power over the daily lives of our officers. "Gotcha" was an attribute highly prized by the previous LAPD top management team. In those days, many managers on the Department responded accordingly and, for career advancement purposes, fine tuned the Gotcha Game to the point where they became Gurus of Gotcha. As a result, they were advanced to positions of power. Now, all of a sudden, the rules have changed. Some of the Gotcha Gurus have, or will, change philosophies, but there will always be those who LIKE playing Gotcha. It is part of their personality. The people that get a perverse pleasure and feeling of power from the discomfort of others will never change. Thus, the mixed messages to the troops.

So, on the one hand, the troops watch Chief Bratton elevate in rank to his inner circle proven leaders who have earned the trust of the troops such as Gascon, Papa, and McDonnell, and others, but on the other hand, the troops notice that several well known Gotcha Gurus from the previous administration remain in place, such as...well, you know who they are, you have to work for them.

And, on the one hand, the League Directors have far more access to approach higher members of management and correct injustices than they have in years, but on the other hand,

these injustices keep happening.

On the one hand, the troops are told to get out there and start doing police work, and on the other hand, the Risk Management/TEAMS computers monitor every move, stop, report, pursuit, or other evidence of activity of anyone so bold as to do police work, with the idea of identifying "at risk" officers, who according to some secret criteria, will be ordered out of the field if their numbers get too high.

On the one hand, supervisors are told that they once again actually have the authority to make decisions in the field, and, on the other hand, Gotcha Gurus are second guessing these field decisions and insulating themselves from Bureau disapproval by issuing the same old negative comment cards and notices to correct to these supervisors who make those decisions.

On the one hand, this Department is on the right path to eventually start doing effective police work again, but on the other hand, Chief Bratton needs to do a little house cleaning. True leaders who can motivate the troops need to be recognized and promoted. Gotcha Gurus need to be taken off the playing field. The Chief may want everybody "in the game," but some people can contribute more to the reduction of crime by being assigned to count paper clips or monitor who goes in and out of a closet.

Chief Bratton has issued a disciplinary statement of philosophy that every cop, who knows what his or her true job is really about, can get behind.

"If you are in the right, we will back you up, the benefit of the doubt goes to you. If you are wrong, we will retrain you. If you are corrupt, we will jail you." [Chief's Message, emphasis added]

This is a radical departure from just a few months ago. The Gotcha Gurus need to read the message. The Chief needs to identify the Gurus of Gotcha who will not change and eliminate them from having any power over our hard working police officers. One Gotcha

Guru can disable the effectiveness of an entire division. Their impact on morale is tremendous.

Representation Warning Bell

There are a lot of reasons to be a League member, aside from the fact that when you are not, you are riding on the coattails of officers who are financing the negotiations for every raise and benefit obtained by the League. One of the more compelling reasons is legal representation at categorical uses of force.

The League rolls attorneys out to every Critical Incident Investigation Division response. The reason is to help protect your rights. You never know when you are going to be involved in a use of force that puts you "in custody" administratively. It does not matter if you were right or wrong, the Department's position is that you will be isolated and held until after you are interviewed. This will typically be anywhere from six to twelve hours after the incident.

This "administrative arrest" can happen to you if you are involved in something as inconsequential as a dog shooting or as serious as having to kill a suspect with your weapon. It can happen to you if there is a head impact on a suspect, if a choke hold is used by any officer, if a suspect dies in police custody, if a suspect is hospitalized after a use of force, or even if a suspect is bitten by a K-9 dog. It doesn't matter, the first supervisor at the scene will deliver you to the custody of another supervisor who will remain with you to insure that you are isolated from other officers who might "taint" your statement. You will not go home. Your movement will be severely restricted. The only person you will be allowed to speak with without supervision will be your representative.

That is exactly what recently happened to a non-League member. This officer was involved in an officer-involved-shooting as the shooter. All of the other involved officers were League members. The League responded by rolling out an attorney to represent the

League members. The non-League member had legal insurance through an outside company and reportedly attempted to get an attorney to roll to the scene to represent him. The League attorney, although sympathetic to a fellow officer's plight, was restrained from representing this officer by the non-League member's lack of membership. The League attorney represented all of the other officers involved, completing the walk-through and interviews while the non-League member was held isolated from everyone but his employee representative. The insurance attorney did not appear for what ever reason.

After giving the non-League member what the Department considered appropriate time to get counsel, the officer was ordered to participate in the walk-through and subsequent tape recorded interview without an attorney. Should the Department be sued? Isn't the right to counsel a basic right of every American? We will not know from this incident, because there is no one to finance the lawsuit on the non-League member's behalf. After all, he is a non-League member. Furthermore, if he was a League member, this issue would not have arisen because a League attorney would have been there, so there is no benefit to the membership by suing over this issue.

This is not to say that there is not a feeling of genuine concern for this officer's welfare when he became involved in a tactical situation that faces his fellow officers every day. We celebrate the fact that this officer was not hurt and was able to protect the citizens of Los Angeles, but, like the golden administrative handcuffs placed on him by the Department, his lack of membership placed similar handcuffs on the attorney representative dispatched by the League to assist him.

Hopefully, this officer and all of the other 121 non-League members will reconsider their decision not to belong to the League. Your need for representation is only a trigger squeeze away.

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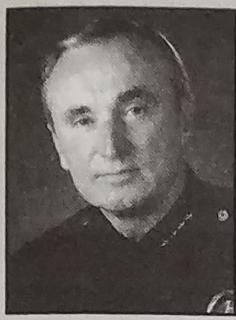
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by Chief William Bratton

A Message From Chief Bratton

Detective Reform, New IAB Boss, and Complaints

nel resources and space needs.

Over the years, detective work in the LAPD has become burdened with processing a vast amount of paperwork. This workload has become overwhelming. The emphasis on processing the criminals who are already in custody and the respective paperwork, is a misuse and inappropriate prioritization of our detective resources and a source of frustration for our best detective talent. I am convinced that detectives can add a huge amount to a police department's anti-crime efforts by targeting pattern criminals and by helping to dismantle gangs and other criminal enterprises. Focused work by detectives and narcotics investigators coordinated with our patrol resources, technical services and programs will significantly improve their impact, not only in solving crime and improving clearance rates, but as importantly, preventing crime.

Prior to his new appointment Commander McMurray has been chairing the Detective re-engineering committee that has looked at every aspect of Detective Operations. The committee has proposed a series of exciting reforms that I believe will set us on the right course. Working with the District Attorney and the City Attorney, subcommittee chairman Commander Michael Moore has negotiated changes in filing procedures that may reduce the paperwork burden by as much as 70 percent. Meanwhile, subcommittee chairman Captain Ron Sanchez and his team have made significant recommendations for restructuring the detective tables, including a provision for increased night-time and weekend detective presence in each of the 18 Area com-

mmands. Together with the expansion of field narcotics units grounded in the Geographic Areas, and the Area Gang Impact Teams developed under the direction of Chief Michael Hillmann, our enhanced detective effort will help us to use intelligence and information as never before in defeating the gangs and other criminals who prey on our citizens. Expanded use of on-call take home vehicles to improve response time to major crime scenes is also under review.

Replacing Commander McMurray at Internal Affairs Group is Deputy Chief Michael Berkow.

Chief Berkow was most recently the Chief of Police for the City of Irvine. He has also served as Chief of Police for Coachella and South Pasadena Police Departments. Chief Berkow spent his early career in the Rochester, New York, Police Department where he worked in patrol, narcotics investigation, and as the co-commander of a joint police-FBI investigative task-force. He has been a friend and professional colleague for over twenty years.

Chief Berkow is an attorney, a former law clerk to a Federal Judge, and has extensive international policing experience. He served with the United States Department of Justice as the first Director of the Haitian National Police Project and the Somalia National Police Project.

Chief Berkow was also the police liaison for former President Jimmy Carter's election monitoring mission to Jamaica and has provided anti-corruption training for police forces in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. I welcome

him to our Department and to the challenging task of Internal Affairs Group.

I have upgraded the Internal Affairs function to a bureau level and Chief Berkow will be reporting directly to me.

A final note on resident complaints. Continuing audits of Department personnel revealed a number of disturbing failures to accept and document complaints, including those from people who speak a foreign language. This is entirely unacceptable. Under the Consent Decree and as a responsible law enforcement agency, we must accept every complaint, no matter what language the person making the complaint speaks, or how minor or frivolous the complaint seems. Recent reforms to the discipline system are designed to do a better job separating the minor and frivolous from the important and serious complaints in the adjudication process, but they did NOT make any changes to the intake process. Those decisions cannot responsibly be made at the point of intake. The Department is going to do a fair and expeditious job of evaluating complaints, but you, the officers and supervisors in the field, must do a thorough and honest job of accepting and reporting them. Otherwise our Department will continue to be accused of hiding or covering up complaints which is something that none of us want. I will not tolerate any failures to receive, record and process ALL complaints from any source against Department personnel. There will be no excuses for failure. We have come too far together in restoring the image of the Department to have it damaged again. ♦

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and conduct proficiency tests and background checks. As a result, the LAPD hired 638 recruits in 2002; compared with just 197 the previous year. Finally, since March 2002, the LAPD has hired 740 police officers – a remarkable feat by any standards.

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It is important that from time to time

we take a moment to thank the community for working with the police department to keep the city safe in the wake of heightened security alerts. The community is a critically important partner in combating every type of crime, including terrorism. It isn't often that they are recognized for their role in protecting our communities and supporting the men and women of the LAPD – so we wanted to take this opportunity to give them a special gift in return.

Thanks to the hard work of many people, especially the Senior Lead Officers and many patrol officers, the League and the Department identified community organizations and individuals who have been particularly supportive of the police in their area. These outstanding community members received beautiful boxes of Nestlé Perugina candy at a series of "town hall" meetings and other events. Nestlé was generous enough to donate more than \$270,000 worth of candy to support this effort, for which we know the community and our officers are very grateful. ♦

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Department Must Evolve To Support Needs of Detectives

Dear Directors:

In response to the above subject, you are correct the paperwork is overwhelming, but everything we do and document stems from a liability issue or fear of liability. We are bogged down by liability mayhem. I cannot tell you how many times I have responded to call after call that could have been stemmed at communications or better policy making, but we are sent just to make sure IE; male

mental refusing to get out of bed, no 5150 criteria met. The BCC told me after inquiring that they wanted to make sure. This attitude is predicated out of fear of reprisals legally and from within the department. When a supervisor tells me "Well we want to make sure, it doesn't hurt to send an officer (for something ridiculous), better safe than sorry." Well, it does hurt some of the calls the department answers is a waste of time from the get go. The department and the city are always raising the bar when dealing with or attempting to divert liability issues.

Bottom line it is "the nature of the beast" sometimes. Police work is always one big liability. This brings me back to the paperwork issue. The department seems to feel the more you write and document, the more you cover yourself, or in many of our (police officers) minds the more you write, the more questions that are raised.

One last thing, that is more of a patrol issue. The department and city fail to educate the public in matters of police procedure and what people can do to help limit response time, such as call when the threat or problem is gone so an officer can be re-deployed elsewhere, where he is better needed. There also needs to be more accountability on the part of the phone companies when we respond to 911 calls that turn out to be a bad phone line (majority of 911 calls are bad phone lines) or the location no longer exists.

Everything that the public is unable to handle that is not criminal in nature is becoming the responsibility of the LAPD due to liability. It needs to stop, and the department must be aggressive politically with the help of the Protective League to see to it that time and money is not spent the MAJORITY of the time chasing ghosts.

You at the League do a tremendous job. Thank you.

Todd Holmberg, #33369

Dear Tim:

As I read Hank Hernandez's column in the April issue of the *Blue Line*, I was immediately filled with the mixed feelings that have dominated my life for the past five years.

As a 17-year police officer for the Los Angeles Police Department, with over 50 commendations, I was fiercely loyal to my job and my department. All of my teen years I prepared myself to be a LAPD officer with anticipation and dedication. I felt that the department loved and respected me in response to my dedication and loyalty to it.

All of this changed with a poison pen letter from a well-known eccentric, known as "Betty," by her neighbors. With the statutory time for a small claims action having run out, she tried to extort money from me by using the department's disciplinary process.

My financial dealings with "Betty" were honest and above board, as well as my personal and private affair, and in no way impacted my ability to perform my duties and to represent the department in a positive way. This would have been obvious to an objective investigator, but the internal investigative process of the previous administration was anything but objective. I tried, during the course of the investigation, to give the investigative team and their superiors all of the information necessary to reach the conclusions of both the superior court and the appellate court. They would not listen to me or consider my evidence, but with an obvious agenda to attack me, they charged me. The board of rights, over the objections of the civilian, Ed Edelman, ignored the obvious, would not listen to my Representative and gave me 22 days off for a debt less than \$300 that I still dispute.

Ms. Hancock, "Betty," and the investigator were less than candid in their testi-

mony at the hearing, but my representative was not permitted to challenge their misstatements and convenient memory lapses. I felt totally helpless in the hearing as I heard my good name and reputation torn to pieces.

As a further slap in the face, the department, based upon this alleged debt, determined that I couldn't be trusted and I was administratively transferred.

Anyone who has been beaten up by the management of the department can identify with the depression and feelings of aloneness that result from this action.

I now feel vindicated by the judicial decisions of the superior court, which was upheld by the appellate court, that overturned the board of rights' decision. My victory in this is due in large part to you, Tim, and the other persons who helped me including Attorney Jim Trott, Employee Representative Mike Laufer, my husband and my family and the members of the department and civilians who testified for me at the board hearing. They all saw the injustice and stood by me. Even though there is a victory, I will carry the scars for a long time.

How can the department hope to recruit, retain and lead police officers with such oppressive management techniques?

Thank you once again,
Det. Sonia Cabrera-Hawksley

To: La Mirada Kiwanis

From: John Helvin

Subject: Appreciation of U.S. Service men and their Families

I am a former member of the La Mirada Kiwanis. Based on that relationship, I know what a service club organization can do. "They did it."

I am also an ex-member of the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division who is now bearing much of the brunt of hostilities in Iraq.

I served my time with the Army and joined the Los Angeles Police Department. I was with that organization from 1961 until 1984. I went through more than my share of demonstrators expressing their Constitutional rights during Vietnam.

Subsequent to 9/11, I witnessed the good people of America rise up and express their heartfelt emotions towards those who sacrificed their lives.

We are once again at that same crossroad where Americans are dying for their country. As this is occurring, I am witness protestors expressing their Constitutional rights as they did in the '60s and '70s.

During that time frame I thought to myself if I ever get the chance, I'll do everything in my power to indicate to those serving in the military that Americans do care. Thus the reason for this memo:

I feel strongly that service clubs such as Kiwanians possess a great deal of influence within their communities. This would and could apply to the Lions, Rotary, etc.

I would like to initiate a plan where citizens of every community could donate to these servicemen's families care of their local service club. Using the La Mirada Kiwanis as an example, goods donated there could be forwarded

END OF WATCH



Name: Robert L. Bassett, Sr. #12402

RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Air Support
BORN: July 3, 1941
APPT: August 2, 1965
RETIRED: January 6, 1996
DIED: October 23, 2002

★ ★ ★

NAME: Ernest N. Moore #3107
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Central Jail
BORN: November 4, 1910
APPT: September 7, 1943
RETIRED: January 1, 1969
DIED: November 10, 2002

★ ★ ★

NAME: Carl F. Riddick #3774
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Supply & Transportation
BORN: June 30, 1917
APPT: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: December 23, 1976
DIED: January 4, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Edward J. Collins #2492
RANK: Policeman II
ASSIGNED TO: TED
BORN: August 29, 1910
APPT: October 1, 1941
RETIRED: January 23, 1971
DIED: March 6, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Ballington J. Rautert #6604
RANK: Investigator I
ASSIGNED TO: Detective Headquarters
BORN: March 6, 1920
APPT: February 1, 1950
RETIRED: June 29, 1975
DIED: March 6, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Oliver O. Farley #11286
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Labor Relations
BORN: September 27, 1940
APPT: October 29, 1962
RETIRED: July 26, 1979
DIED: March 8, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: James D. Arnett #5307
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Public Affairs
BORN: March 1, 1919
APPT: February 16, 1948
RETIRED: August 25, 1968
DIED: March 10, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: John H. Magness #3534
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: TED
BORN: January 25, 1924
APPT: October 1, 1945
RETIRED: October 9, 1965
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NAME: Douglas D. Collisson #15903

RANK: Lieutenant II
ASSIGNED TO: South Bureau
BORN: January 13, 1945
APPT: April 20, 1970
RETIRED: July 2, 1990
DIED: March 10, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Louis J. Bonanno #5701
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Detective Headquarters
BORN: January 3, 1923
APPT: June 28, 1948
RETIRED: February 25, 1970
DIED: March 13, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: John S. McElhinney #4843
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: TED
BORN: August 4, 1925
APPT: August 1, 1947
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★ ★ ★

NAME: Manon W. Hale #3065
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: FSS
BORN: May 19, 1914
APPT: October 19, 1975
RETIRED: June 19, 1975
DIED: March 17, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: James F. Smith #4117
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Robbery
BORN: January 12, 1921
APPT: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: March 2, 1966
DIED: March 12, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Stacy K. Miyamura #24348
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Northeast
BORN: April 6, 1959
APPT: November 16, 1983
ACTIVE
DIED: March 18, 2003

★ ★ ★

NAME: Milton J. Olkein #4626
RANK: Policeman
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to the Oceanside Kiwanis, if one exists, for distribution to the proper representative at Camp Pendleton, home of the U.S. Marine Corps. I know and realize there are other military facilities. I am merely using Camp Pendleton as an example, with other facilities being handled by their concerned geographic service club.

Donated goods could consist of checks (payable to the local service club for subsequent distribution to the military facility service club), clothing, non-perishable goods, toys and anything else imaginable.

I have seen news stories and newspaper stories indicating some of these families are in dire need of assistance.

This would be a blessing for the families and a tremendous psychological lift for the servicemen in Iraq and adjoining areas. I would imagine a lot of their perception from the home front is "anti war protestors" skirmishing with the police. I don't know if you agree or disagree. If you believe there is merit in this idea, challenge other service clubs to join with you in making someone's day. True, meaningful support is what's needed. Citizens have a Constitutional right to protest. We have a Constitutional right to help and assist those in harm's way.

Editor,

One of the first people that crossed my mind last night was the naïve Steve Lopez of *The Los Angeles Times*. Remembering his moronic, obviously biased commentaries about President Bush and at the time, the pending war

with Iraq.

I remember his disrespectful comments about the President and others such as the men and women of LAPD.

It's not over yet, but as of this moment Steve Lopez might allow an intelligent thought to seep through his thick skull. Steve might mumble, "Where is the war?" Did Steve Lopez, the rest of the naïve, the uninformed and college students, really believe that the Iraqi army would stand up toe-to-toe with Americans and fight? They ran in '91 and President Bush and his commanders knew they would probably run in 2003. It's an ever-lingering thing, disease, with "big mouth" cowards as is Saddam, terrorists and friends.

Unlike Steve Lopez, I do have a little military experience—22 years in the Marines and Coast Guard Reserves. So I can say with some degree that President Bush and our military's plan was brilliant. Unlike the "doomsday" writings of Steve Lopez and others, those who didn't have a clue, possession of common sense, or do his homework. There should be very few casualties and in the end they will be dancing in the streets in Iraq and our cowardly detractors will look out in awe from their "wilderness of mirrors."

If all this comes to pass, what will Steve Lopez write next in his personal agenda against Republicans? Yes, to Steve Lopez and *The Los Angeles Times*, this is a Republican thing. He and the *Times* would not write squat if the president was a Democrat.

Some of us appreciate a gutsy, in charge, moral convictions kind of presi-

dent. One that can make a decision independent of outside pressure. Democrat or Republican.

My 12-year-old anti-war son sees the light. He says that he feels a "little bit safer." He once asked if the terrorists would attack an elementary school. Mr. Bush and our military are now making that a lot less likely.

Thank you, George W. Bush. God speed to all and especially our folks in the military.

Sincerely,
Lawrence M. Rivera

(This is the same Steve Lopez that really believed that the so-called Rampart scandal was more than just a media event. The same Steve Lopez that made negative comments about LAPD when he couldn't qualify for such a job. Unlike the media, integrity and honesty is the norm in today's law enforcement.

The same Steve Lopez that criticized the D.A.'s office and D.A. Steve Cooley, about many things, but most recently the Newhall land probe. But he and the *Times* offered no funds or evidence to justify continuing what appeared to be a "wild goose chase." Most government agencies spend millions on "wild goose chases." But apparently not Steve Cooley's D.A.'s office.)

And you to McCool!

Editor,

We just left another LAPD meeting, but this one was different. For the first time I felt that Chief Bratton's pledge to make this a transparent department just might work.

As you know, Page Miller and I have fought for over five years to bring back our Senior Lead Officers and Community Policing, and to bring new leadership to the LAPD. What started out as two

Neighborhood Watch members getting together over coffee to write a couple of letters, turned into an education in community activism, and a lesson in fighting City Hall.

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Most of these terrific SLOs will never know just how hard their communities fought for them. Some areas are still waiting for their full return, and the fight isn't over. Some SLOs will never know just how meaningful they can be, or what an indelible impression they will make on some people. If only some of you could have been there with us to hear just how much you are appreciated and admired for your hard work and commitment. I can't tell you how many times we heard, "My SLO is the best SLO..."

To Page, thank you. You have been the driving force. Small in stature, but huge of heart and determination, you have led the fight and we all appreciate your dedication. To the SLOs, to all officers, thank you for all you do. You have been the reason we fought. Had you not been there for your respective communities, this never would have happened. If it weren't for your dedication, your compassion and heart, we never would have succeeded in fighting City Hall. It's been a pleasure "protecting and serving" you.

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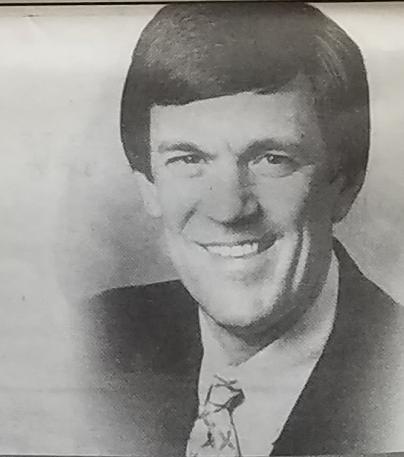
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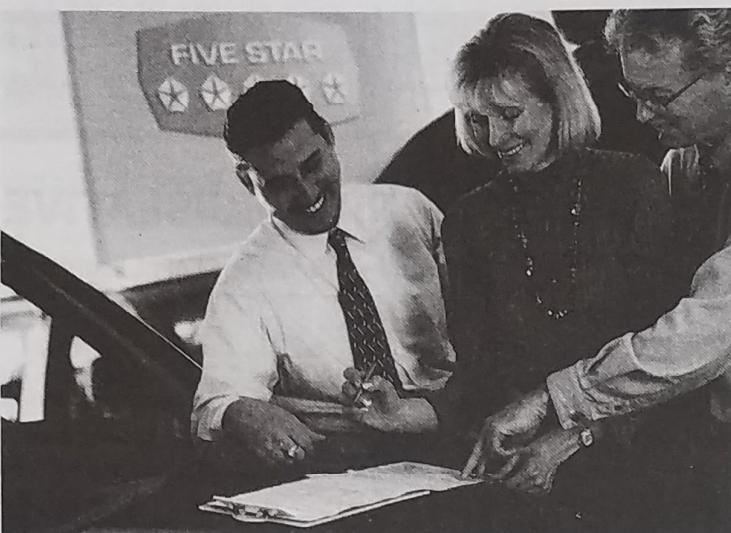
Fisher was referring to a September 2002 review of 23 manufacturer programs by IntelliChoice — an automotive information provider. The company also ranked the Chrysler

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

By Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

Things at the State Capitol are very busy right now, with policy committees meeting on bills and budget committee meetings on budget issues. There is a lot to talk about, but I want to focus this article mainly on just one special issue.

There is an important bill, sponsored by the League, that I want to bring to your attention. The bill is SB 221 by Senator Gloria Romero. This is a bill with a history that goes all the way back to AB 1120 (Willie Brown), which was vetoed by Governor Wilson in 1993. Several other failed bills, AB 2449 (Wildman) and AB 882 (Cedillo) have dealt with this subject. *The issue is whether your POST Certificate is a revocable license, or a certificate of professional training and education, akin to an Associate in Arts or Bachelor of Arts degree. This issue is a fundamental one to POST, to law enforcement, and to you, since it is your certificate that is central to the issue!*

The controversy arose in the early 1990's when POST, at the insistence of some powerful police chiefs, considered regulations to enact a procedure to give

POST the ability to revoke your certificate for numerous reasons, including "moral turpitude." POST was then composed of all management, with one PORAC representative representing all rank-and-file interests. (We've since increased and diversified rank-and-file representation to four (4) members, while Chiefs and Sheriffs have five (5) positions.) Rank-and-file unions led the opposition to these regulations and even got Assembly Speaker Willie Brown to weigh in on our side.

While we were successful in preventing the licensing regulations from being enacted, some of the more "hawkish" management types kept the issue alive just under the surface, and late in the 1990's, they made another run at these licensing regulations. Their success was short lived, both because rank-and-file interests had a stronger voice at POST and because many of the "newer" and more enlightened law enforcement managers philosophically sided with the rank and file. Among those more enlightened managers was Rick Ter Borch, Chief of the City of Arroyo Grande, current President of the California Police Chiefs and former POST Commissioner. The League, ALADS and other rank-and-file interests sat down with Chief Ter Borch, manage-

ment, and POST representatives to negotiate a bill to put an end to this long simmering and thorny issue, once and for all. John Lovell, a lawyer lobbyist for the Police Chiefs, and I drafted a measure to accomplish that goal. We wanted to ensure that the bill recognized that POST "shall NOT have the authority to adopt or carry out a regulation that authorizes the withdrawal or revocation of a certificate previously issued to a peace officer."

POST was concerned about someone obtaining a certificate through fraud and misrepresentation, and we drafted provisions to incorporate the existing law (commission of a felony pursuant to Section 1029 of the Government Code, etc.) to provide a peace officer is no longer eligible if he or she violates applicable law. One important clarification the Chiefs wanted and we made to existing law, however, was that if a peace officer pleads guilty to a felony, or is found guilty by the trier of fact, but sentenced under Penal Code Section 17 (6), the officer loses eligibility to be a peace officer even if the officer does not go to state prison. Proposition 36 offenses are exempt, (those dealing with alcohol or drug abuse), and would not affect an officer's POST certificate.

I wanted to bring this bill to your attention for several reasons.

First, it is good policy and an example of legislation that benefits the entire law enforcement community and raises the professional standard. However, the bill came about only because each side was willing to negotiate and resolve their differences. I give a lot of credit to the Police Chiefs and to Chief Ter Borch who understood that POST'S primary mission

is one of education and training, but wants to keep the integrity of a POST Certificate.

Second, SB 221 will protect your certificate from third party abuses. Discipline is the domain of Chiefs and Sheriffs, not POST, and expanding POST into a regulatory agency would seriously undermine its mission as a training agency. It would have created an adversarial relationship with those whom it is mandated to educate and train, and, ultimately, this would have crippled, if not destroyed, POST.

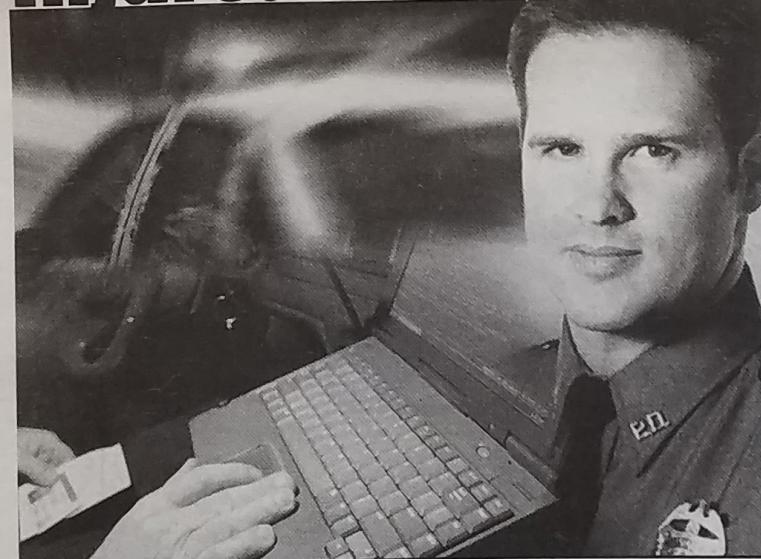
Finally, and perhaps most importantly, SB 221 illustrates how labor and management, each with differing viewpoints, can successfully resolve a difficult and complex problem by understanding their real interests lie working to resolve their difference. When we put aside the rhetoric and listen, we can all learn something, and make "the system" work better for everyone.

While SB 221 passed its most difficult hurdle, the Senate Public Safety Committee, last week, it still has a long way to go. The real progress for law enforcement was made a long time ago—long before this bill was ever introduced—when we parked our egos at the door, and successfully set about to solve a common problem.

Before I close, I also want to thank League Director Ted Hunt who has worked tirelessly on SB 221 and other POST issues. Much of what Ted gets done is never seen by you but it will accrue to your benefit!

I'll update you on some of our other bills and issues next time. Until then, stay safe!

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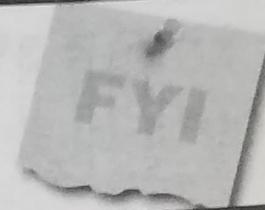
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KLEIN'S KORNER

by Judge Ross Klein

The Legislature has established specific grounds and time limitations for defendants who choose to make a motion for a new trial. The right to make a motion for a new trial is statutorily authorized and is allowed to any defendant who has been convicted. (*People v. Sarazzawski* (1945) 27 Cal 2nd 7)

The motion for a new trial is not self-executing; in other words, the defendant must specifically make a motion for a new trial prior to the court pronouncing its judgment. The court may not hear an motion for a new trial after judgment has been entered in a criminal proceeding. (*People v. Grake* (1964) 227 Cal App 2nd 289) The defendant must state with particularity the grounds on which he is making his motion. (*Thurmond v. Superior Court* (1957) 49 Cal 2nd 17)

The laws permitting a motion for a new trial are generally found in Penal Code sections 1179-1182. Section 1179 states that a new trial is an reexamination of the same issues in the same court after a verdict has been rendered. Section 1180 gives further guidance: the new trial places the parties in the same position as if the first trial had never taken place. Testimony is presented and evidence is taken anew; the parties are prohibited from making reference to the verdict in the prior trial. Section 1181 lists the nine specific grounds on which a defendant may rely in making his

motion. In summary, those grounds are: 1) the defendant was unlawfully absent from his trial; 2) the jury has considered evidence that was not presented in court; 3) when the jury has separated without the court's permission or when there is juror misconduct; 4) when the verdict has been determined by lot; 5) when the court has given an incorrect statement of the law or has made an incorrect evidentiary ruling or when the prosecutor has committed misconduct; 6) and 7) the verdict is contrary to the law or the evidence presented; 8) newly-discovered evidence that the defendant could not procure despite the exercise of reasonable diligence, and 9) the lack of a phonographic report.

The motion may be made orally (*People v. Ah Sam* (1971) 41 Cal 645) or in writing. If the motion is made in writing and alleges juror misconduct, it is often accompanied by juror affidavits. (*People v. Hedgecock* (1990) 51 Cal 3rd 395) Evidence Code section 1150 states that the court may consider admissible evidence regarding statements or events that may have improperly influenced the verdict. The court is not permitted to consider evidence as to the effect such statements or conduct had on the juror.

The trial court is afforded broad discretion in granting or denying the motion. If the court is found to have abused its discretion, then the appellate court will reverse the trial court's finding. An example can be found in *People*

v. *Perez* (1992) 4 Cal App 4th 893, in which the court denied the motion for a new trial. The trial judge failed to find juror misconduct even though the evidence showed that the jury had improperly discussed the defendant's failure to testify at trial. *Perez* outlines the three-step process a court must employ in determining whether to grant a new trial based on juror misconduct: one, the supporting affidavits must comply with Evidence Code section 1150 and must be admissible; two, if the affidavits are admissible, the facts must establish that misconduct occurred; and three, if there was misconduct, that misconduct must be prejudicial.

Penal Code section 1202 appears to add two additional grounds for the

granting of a new trial: when judgment is not pronounced within the statutory time period, or when a court neglects to rule on the new trial motion prior to the entry of judgment. Notwithstanding the language of section 1202 courts have repeatedly required that the defendant affirmatively request a new trial or he is deemed to have waived this right. (*People v. Cunningham* (2001) 25 Cal 4th 926; *People v. Manes* (1930) 104 Cal App 493) In *People v. Von Moltke* (1931) judgment was pronounced after the defendant had objected that it had been improperly delayed. The appellate court agreed, but it declined to order a new trial. It held that a defendant's objecting was legally insufficient to order a new trial; the defendant must also request a new trial. ♦

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COMMUNITY POLICING – Grassroots Homeland Security

by Page Miller

Homeland security just got stronger. The citizens of Los Angeles have fought hard to bring community policing back to our city. We pushed to reinstate the Senior Lead Officer (SLO) program, which designates key liaison officers to unite the community with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Mayor James Hahn, the Police Commission and the City Council supported the community's outcry for SLOs and community policing by ordering the reinstatement of SLOs in February 2002. Last October, Chief William Bratton, a proponent of community policing, was appointed as our new chief. Community policing is not an overnight declaration and accomplishment. It is an ongoing process that must remain open to new ideas. Where do we go from here?

We need to reinvigorate Neighborhood Watch groups. Each of LAPD's eighteen divisions is different. Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch groups are run differently. Some groups meet once a month. Others meet quarterly and include a potluck dinner. Anyone with Internet access can read a crime update for their area by their respective SLO at www.lapdonline.org. If you want more information regarding your area call your division and ask to speak to your Senior Lead Officer.

Existing members need to make a concerted effort to bring someone new to the next meeting. Invite the manager of an apartment building. Reach out to the principal of a nearby school or religious leaders of various faiths. Throw a block party and don't forget to invite the fire department. In the current global climate Neighborhood Watch members are in a unique position to encourage dialogue and understanding. Immigrants to this country are often victims of crime. They have fled countries where democracy is not embraced and police and military contact are avoided at all cost. Many owners of "mom-and-pop" businesses or liquor stores are first generation immigrants to this country. Say hello.

In light of the ongoing threat of international terrorism, an officer recently suggested that perhaps Harbor division could benefit from having a "Harbor Watch." This could be an opportunity for retired veterans and seniors to play an active role in protecting our Harbor. The LAPD has an anti-terrorism tipline. If you see suspicious activity that might relate to terrorism call 1-877-A-THREAT. Protection without prejudice is a difficult path to walk. Communication and education are our best weapons. Let's reach out to groups that have not had a visible presence at our meetings – including the Muslim community.

Community members continue their ongoing effort against domestic terrorism—gangs. Homeland security takes on a double meaning to our neighbors in South Bureau who have been hit especially hard by gang activity and homicides. Dep. Chief Mike Hillmann is currently enlisting the aid of community members to work with the LAPD to combat gang problems.

Community policing partnerships encompass many ideas including the many aggressive graffiti removal teams. Success stories include "citizen surveillance" teams, Valley Traffic Advisory Committee (VTAC) supporting motors in the Valley, a mother and daughter team in West Valley hand delivering their SLO's newsletter, a Harbor division member volunteering his linguistic skills as an interpreter and a Neighborhood Watch member walking nightly in Pacific division armed with her cell phone. Even the new Amber alert system is community policing.

City officials now support community policing as well. City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo appointed a Neighborhood Prosecutor for every division to work with officers to facilitate prosecutions. The successful SLO program inspired this. Mayor Hahn has added the Neighborhood Empowerment Action Team (NEAT) to also work with officers and the community. City Council deputies are often at Neighborhood Watch meetings and if yours is not—show them this article. Councilmember Greuel has supported community policing by having periodic roundups of abandoned cars, graffiti paint out and bulky item removals. Councilmember Zine, a former police officer, has formed his trained "Posse" of civilian volunteers in his district.

Neighborhood Watch and all community members are the eyes and ears of law enforcement agencies. Other Police Departments like San Diego, Santa Ana, El Monte and San Bernardino and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department embrace community policing. Sandy Munz and I are thrilled Chief Bratton now wants his team leaders to "think outside the box." The community policing train is ready to leave the station. All aboard!

(Page Miller was appointed by the Los Angeles Police Commission to the Blue Ribbon Committee to develop criteria for the selection of Chief of Police. She co-chairs Save Our SLOs with Sandy Munz.) E-mail: saveourslos@hotmail.com

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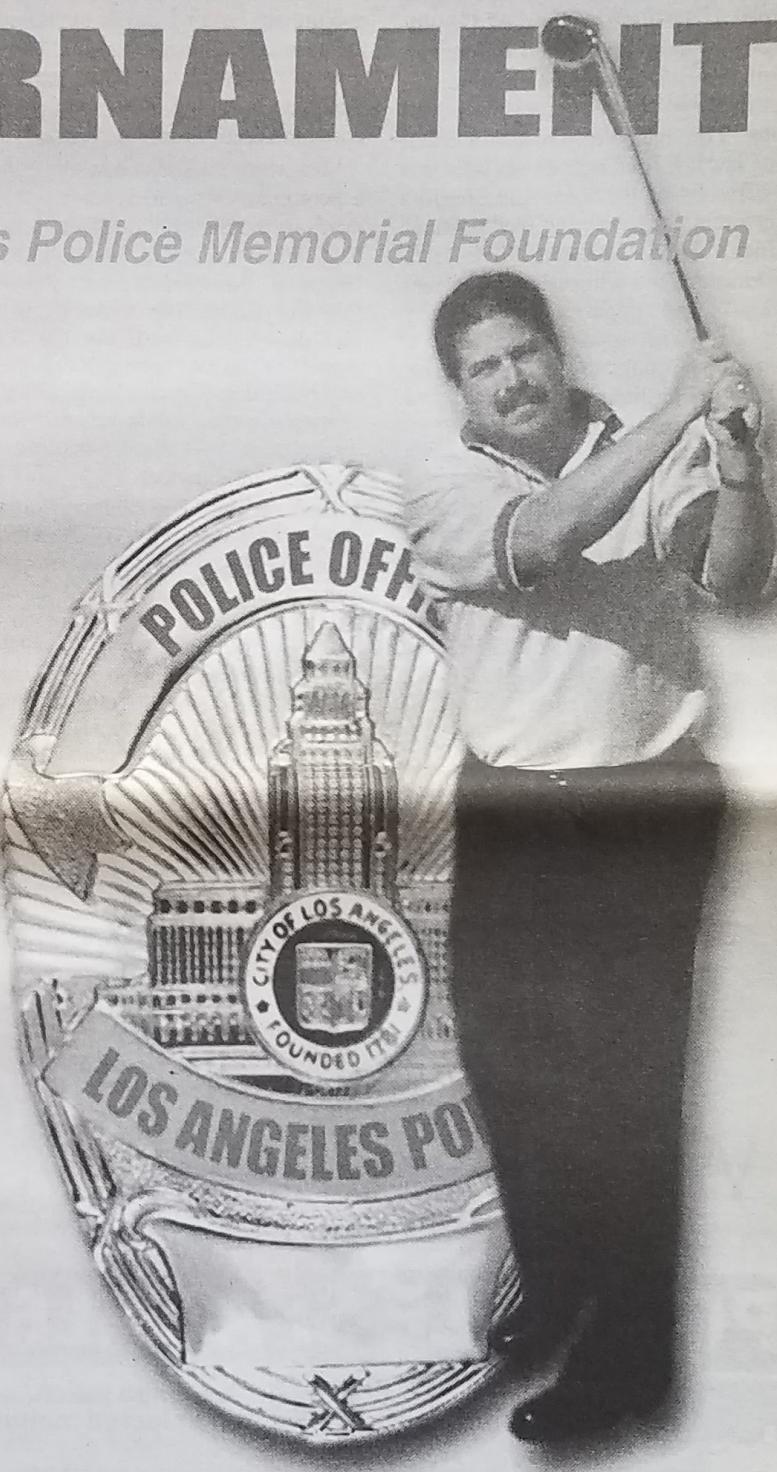
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by Marc J. Berger, Esq.

On March 24, 2003, Tracy Watson arrived at the end of his seven-year legal struggle to establish that his due process rights were violated when the United States Supreme Court turned away Riverside County's final effort to deprive Watson of the legal victories he achieved along the way. The case began on April 1, 1996, at the end of Deputy Watson's 80-mile high speed videotaped pursuit and subsequent baton-swinging arrest of illegal immigrants in South El Monte. The basis for Watson's Civil Rights lawsuit filed two weeks later was that officials of the Riverside Sheriff's Department, after viewing the "beating" on local television news "live feed" transmission, and witnessing the "public outrage" and negative commentary, compelled Watson to remain alone to complete a report in a locked office, after removing the telephone and ejecting his union lawyer who had come to counsel Watson, in light of the criminal and administrative investigations that were underway by Watson's department, the FBI and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Watson maintained that it violated his First, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights to deprive him of counsel during this stage of the proceedings, and to force him to write a potentially incriminating report without the assistance of counsel.

The Sheriff's Department maintained it could require Watson to complete his report including all the details of his use

of force and remove his lawyer from his presence until he did so. Watson was told, "You (Watson) may well need a lawyer later, but you don't need a lawyer now." Watson was fired for using excessive force, based almost entirely upon a subjective view of the videotaped incident.

After Watson's firing, U.S. District Judge Robert J. Timlin issued an injunction prohibiting the Department from making any official use of the report on the ground that it was obtained in violation of Watson's due process rights, including in Watson's upcoming arbitration and appeal of his discharge.

Meanwhile, Watson's lawyers pursued a peremptory writ in superior court to overturn the Sheriff's decision to terminate Watson, which was granted by Judge E. Michael Kaiser, Riverside Superior Court. The County appealed that decision as well, but the Fourth Appellate District upheld Judge Kaiser, and ruled that Watson's termination was "a manifest abuse of discretion." Watson was ultimately ordered reinstated with back pay and interest.

Back in the U.S. District Court, on motion of Watson's lawyers for an order requiring the county to pay all of Watson's attorneys fees and costs, Judge Timlin granted the request for all time spent by Watson's lawyers in obtaining the injunction and defending its issuance in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. Not to be put off, the county appealed that decision to the Ninth Circuit, as well. That Court issued a published decision upholding Watson's award of attorney

fees based on Watson's success in the District Court, as further described in Judge Timlin's published decision granting the injunction. That decision established the right of an officer or deputy to consult with an attorney when there is a danger of self-incrimination in completing a compelled report.

In seeking a writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court, the County of Riverside claimed Watson wasn't a "prevailing party" in the District Court because the injunction was preliminary, and the county portrayed the Ninth Circuit's decision as being in conflict with United States Supreme Court precedent in *Buckhannon Board and Care Home Inc. v. West Virginia Dept. of Health and Human Services*, 532 U.S. 598 (2001) and the decision of every other federal circuit court that has addressed the issue. However, the Ninth Circuit held that the issuance of the injunction was a sufficient "judicial imprimatur" of the merits of Watson's case because it

altered the legal relationship of the parties, in that the injunction barred the county from using Watson's compelled report for any purpose in all official proceedings including his arbitration appeal of his termination. The result was not altered by the fact that the injunction became moot once all proceedings against Watson were concluded. Thus, the Watson case generated two excellent published decisions for police civil rights litigators!

(Marc J. Berger has been associated with Michael P. Stone over the years since 1986. Mr. Berger, of Michael P. Stone, P.C., Lawyers, is a civil litigation, writs and appeals specialist and together with lead counsel Michael P. Stone, Muna Busailah and Larry J. Roberts, handled the Watson case from 1996 forward. Litigation support funding was provided by PORAC Legal Defense Fund and Riverside Sheriffs' Association Legal Defense Trust. Michael P. Stone has been a League Panel Attorney since 1980.) ♦

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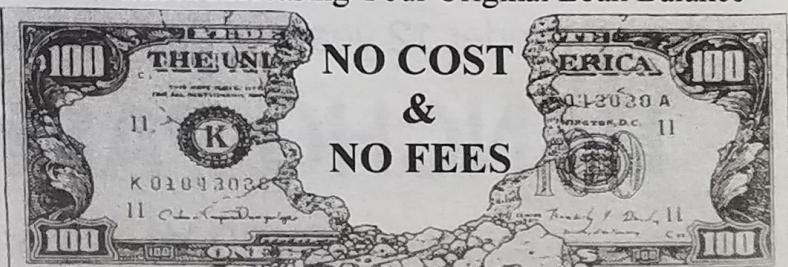
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THE EULOGY: WILLIAM "BILL" SCHEIDEKER

William "Bill" Alfred Scheideker was born on February 12, 1949, to Richard and Janet Scheideker in Duluth, Minnesota. When Bill was 14, his family, which had now expanded to include his sister, Juli, moved from Minnesota to Southern California.

Bill graduated from Pasadena High School and then enrolled at Pasadena City College (PCC). He received an Associate Arts degree with honors at PCC and then enrolled at California State University at Los Angeles. However, the Vietnam War was ongoing

and Bill joined the United States Army from which he received an honorable discharge.

After leaving military service, Bill applied for and was accepted into the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Academy. He was appointed to the LAPD on May 15, 1972. Bill served his probation in Hollywood Division and was then "wheeled" to Communications Division. He worked briefly at Rampart Division and then transferred to Central Traffic Division (CTD) where he met his dear friend and partner, Steve Wein-

reb. Bill and Steve worked as partners at CTD for 12-1/2 years. Bill was promoted to Police Officer III (Training Officer) at Newton Division and also worked Planning and Research Division (Manuals and Orders Section) and Traffic Coordination Section. He was promoted to Sergeant and became a Defense Representative in the LAPD's Officer Representation Section. Bill was recognized by the Police Protective League for his outstanding commitment to protect the rights of fellow officers. Bill retired from the LAPD on September 1, 1998.

After retiring from the LAPD, he went back to school and received a Bachelor's degree with honors from California State University at San Bernardino and also did volunteer work for the Fontana Police Department. On March 5, 2003, the Los Angeles City Board of Public Works adjourned in honor of Bill.

Bill believed in the maxim, "Live every day as if it is your last," and he truly did. Bill will be missed by his family and friends. He will be missed most of all by his lifetime partner and wife, Suzanne.

Editors note: Bill was a dedicated Defense Representative for several years. The Board of Directors offer our condolences to Suzanne his wife, family and all those who had the honor to know Bill.

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The Riviera Resort, 1600 North Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA., is extending a special group rate of \$98.00 plus tax, per room for conference attendees. Attendees must make their own reservations. The deadline for special rates will be April 19, 2003. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 444-8311. There will be a \$6 fee per day assessed to your bill for parking, unlimited local calls, 5 free incoming fax's, daily Los Angeles Times paper, free in room coffee, 24 hour fitness center, unlimited use of the putting course and shuttle service to downtown and the airport. The conference will be held at the resort conference facility.

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EAGLE & BADGE FOUNDATION NEWS

EAGLE & BADGE FOUNDATION ISSUES GRANTS TO DARE FOUNDATION AND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

From Arthur M. Kassel
President, Eagle & Badge Foundation

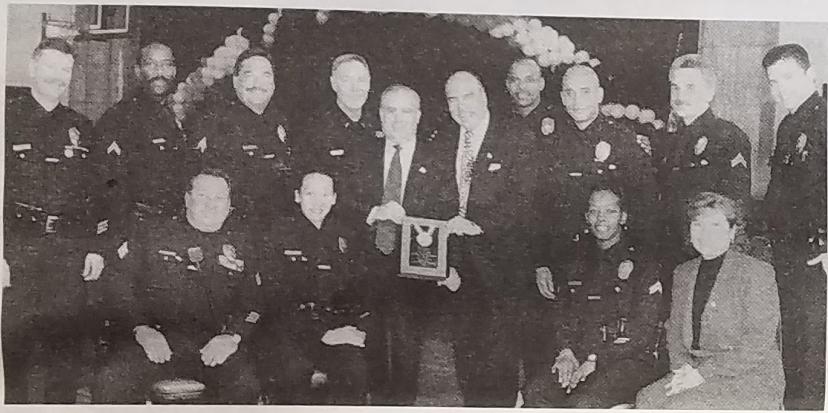
The response to date from individuals and companies supporting the Eagle & Badge Foundation has been overwhelming and through your support, our membership will grow as will the funds raised. As many of you may know, an Eagle & Badge Foundation membership campaign is currently underway to recruit members and through their membership and contributions to provide scholarships and financial support for police officers' children, and to fund special scholarship needs of the children in the community they serve. Our Foundation has also made a commitment to support charitable organizations that benefit the community at large such as the Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation, established to fund research and special equipment for those afflicted with Parkinsons, which was a beneficiary of last November's Julio Iglesias concert.

We are already well underway with plans for our 2nd annual gala scheduled for this October 10th, and we hope to announce our honorees and other participants in the next few months. We are currently conducting an outreach for sponsorship and already have advance commitments from Daimler Chrysler Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles and Delta Airlines to continue their support. Daimler Chrysler, a big supporter of law enforcement, was also a sponsor of the recent Gold Star Awards event dedicated to Homeland Security in Orange County where L.A. Port Authority Officer Shaquille O'Neal was among those honored with a Leadership Award. Shaq (an honoree at our November 8th event) wore his official police uniform to the April 5th gala.

If your company would like to be involved in one of the highest profile upcoming events in the city, please contact me directly. If you know of someone who would like to help the Foundation in this manner, please call me and I'll be happy to meet with them personally and develop a package that works for everyone.

For more information on the upcoming gala or for membership applications, please call 818-994-4661. ♦

"The Eagle and Badge Foundation is extremely pleased to have the opportunity to assist with two very worthy causes, the DARE Foundation and the L.A. Children's Museum," reported E&B President Arthur M. Kassel. A grant for \$7,500 to cover printed materials for graduates of the DARE program was presented on March 20th at the luncheon event held at the Police Academy.

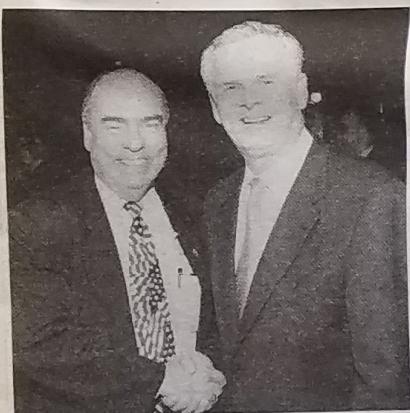


DARE Division officers recognize Eagle & Badge Foundation President Arthur Kassel and League Director Peter Repovich for their support of the DARE program and 2003 Culmination ceremony.

At an event later that evening, Arthur Kassel, President of the Eagle & Badge Foundation, presented a check for \$25,000 to assist with the building of a new L.A. Children's Museum in downtown Los Angeles.



League President Bob Baker, LA City Council President Alex Padilla, Chairman of the Eagle & Badge Foundation Peter Repovich and President of the Eagle & Badge Foundation Arthur Kassel.



Mayor Jim Hahn (right) thanks Eagle & Badge Foundation President Arthur Kassel for the Foundation's \$25,000 contribution to the L.A. City Children's Museum.



L.A. City Council President Alex Padilla celebrates 30th birthday with a fundraiser for L.A. City Children's Museum.



The 2003 DARE Culmination honors all DARE graduates. Shown at left with some of the students is Officer Derwin Henderson of DARE Division.



2nd Annual Gold Star Awards. From left: Eagle & Badge Foundation President Arthur Kassel, L.A. Port Police Chief Noel Cunningham, Robin Cursi and Gary Disney, representing Daimler Chrysler and Port Police Reserve Officer "Shaq" O'Neal. Shaq was honored with a leadership award. Daimler Chrysler Corporation is a major sponsor for the Fall 2003 Eagle & Badge Concert Event.



From left: John Hensley, Orange County Sheriff's Reserve Captain, Arthur Kassel, Gerald Parsky, a Regent of the University of California, and Mr. Parsky's nephew with L.A. Port Police Reserve Officer "Shaq".

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

29th Annual Reserve Banquet Celebrates LAPD Reserve Officers

Each year, a very special group is honored whose members risk their lives to protect and serve the city of Los Angeles—the Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Corps.

When rioting broke out in 1992, the Reserve Corps responded, and over a two-week period reserve officers volunteered over 14,000 hours to assist the Police Department in regaining control, a contribution that can never be fully measured.

The Los Angeles Police Protective League and the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation sponsored the 29th Annual Reserve Banquet to say "thank you" to these officers. The evening is underwritten by donations to the Reserve Foundation from the business community, the citizens of Los Angeles, and the staff and command officers of this department.

Today, after completing the LAPD Basic Academy, reserve officers are assigned to one of the LAPD's 18 divisions. While reserve officers are only required to work a minimum of 32 hours every two deployment periods, most of them work more, and today reserves work a variety of duty assignments including patrol, air support, vice and gang suppression details.

The LAPD reserve program is designed to attract applicants from all segments of the community. Three types of reserve officers currently assist the department in its efforts to protect and serve the citizens of Los Angeles. Line and Technical reserve officers wear the same uniform as regular officers and are

sworn peace officers. Line reserve officers complete 787 hours of basic training over a period of ten months. They are assigned to work patrol assignments with regular officers, detective assignments and community relations. A Technical reserve officer's basic function is to supplement department personnel in various support positions. They have peace officer status while on duty. Specialist reserve officers, who are not peace officers, possess special skills or training for which their area of assignment has a need. This would include, for example, computer programmers, veterinarians, actors, volunteer coordinators and chaplains.

As the reserve program continues to increase to its authorized strength of 2,000 members, its presence will be increasingly felt throughout the LAPD and the city. Because they are primarily citizens, reserve officers are effective spokespersons in their neighborhoods for the support of law enforcement. Their presence in the department provides regular officers with an insight into all segments of the city's population.

In 1997, the Reserve Corps commemorated their 50th anniversary and the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Corps took justifiable pride in their invaluable contribution to the safety of the citizens of our community. Their selfless dedication to duty epitomizes the concept of community policing. On a daily basis, they live up to their motto: "To be a Reserve Officer is to be twice a citizen."



Opening ceremonies with LAPD Color Guard.



Presentation of Reserve Officer of the Year: Dean Alexander (VTD).



League Director Peter Repovich is honored as a Co-sponsor by Melvin Kennedy, President of the L.A.P.D. Reserve Foundation (left) and Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell (right).



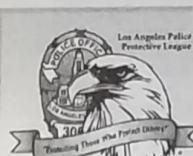
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Past Police Post Meeting

For those "who weren't there," here's who you missed: **J.J. Leonard**, **Richard Kalk** (Chef), **Bill Zimmerman** (who sneaked out before dinner), **Hal Yarnell**, **Frank Ortiz**, **Cmdr. Richard** & First Lady **Elvia Ledesma**. (They had to leave immediately after dinner for another meeting but **Dennis DeNoi** filled in perfectly as commander. That's why we have a 1st Vice.) **Mike Regan**, **Bob Reeves**, **Frank Torres**, **Samuel Mells**, **Sig Schian**, Dennis DeNoi, **Boris Ming**, **Ray Elmer**, **Emmett Drennen**, **Rob Welborn**, **Sam (Bertha wasn't feeling well) Zagoriansos** (our adopted favorites from the Greek Post), **Bob May**, **Mark Gerin**, **Richard Leiphardt**, **Woody Baca**, **Marshal Maydeck**, **Adam Safian**, **Evelyn Javaras**, **Gail Tam** and **Bob Maury**. Comrades Rick Leiphardt and Bob Reeves placed the POW/MIA banner on the chair. But best of all, we had Comrade Adam Safian attend his first Legion meeting in 58 years! Welcome aboard! Now let's see if this activates other comrades!

From Our "Specialized Enforcement Unit"...Arrival of BMW Test Motorcycles

Fourteen BMW R-1150 RT-P's were purchased for testing and evaluation. The motorcycles will go to the SEU training cadre for testing, evaluation and recommendations. This is a one-year pilot program. The BMW provides state-of-the-art anti-lock braking to motorcycle riding and that feature alone is well worth the pilot. SEU officers will be evaluating the operation, handling characteristics, durability, and rider ergonomics of the BMW. The purchase of these motorcycles has not impacted the acquisition of additional Kawasaki Police 1000 for the fiscal year. The first of 50 new Kawasakis have arrived and are currently being deployed. The current fleet is in the best condition it has been in several years.

Is the Abbreviation NIP an Approved Department Abbreviation?

YES. The abbreviation NIP stands for "Not In Possession," primarily used on traffic citations. Example: The person can provide his/her driver license number, they do not have the license in their possession, and the license number/status can be verified with Communications Division. The officer should note

the driver license number/state in the driver license box on the Traffic Notice-to-Appear with NIP noted immediately after the driver license number to indicate that the driver did not have his/her license in their possession at the time of the traffic stop.

Designating Court Locations on Traffic Citations

The Los Angeles Superior Court has been rejecting numerous traffic citations when the cited court location is illegible or indiscernible. Due to space constraints with the new Traffic Notice-to-Appear, it is very easy to place an "X" between two court location boxes. Officers should take special care in marking the court location on Traffic Notices-to-Appear (citations) to ensure the violator and the court know exactly which court location is cited.

DMV Service Regarding Driver License Suspension/Revocation Notices

The DMV has announced that it will no longer be mailing driver license suspension/revocation notices via U.S. Certified Mail. Effective September 30, 2002, the DMV will be making these notifications via U.S. first class mail. Delivery will be presumed unless the mail is returned to the DMV unclaimed.

Military Rules for the Non-Military

Dear Civilians: We know that the current state of affairs in our great nation has many civilians up in arms and excited to join the military. For those of you who can't join, you can still lend a hand. Here are a few of the areas we would like your assistance with.

1. The next time you see an adult talking during the playing of the National Anthem, kick their butt.

2. When you witness firsthand someone burning the American flag in protest, kick their butt.

3. Regardless of the rank they held while they served, pay the highest amount of respect to all veterans. If you see anyone doing otherwise, quietly pull them aside and explain how these veterans fought for the very freedom they bask in every second. Enlighten them on the many sacrifices these veterans made to make this nation great. Then hold them down while a disabled veteran kicks their butt.

4. If you were never in the military, DO NOT pretend that you were. Wearing battle dress uniforms, telling others that you used to be "Special Forces," and collecting GI Joe memorabilia might have been okay if you were still seven. Now it will only make you look stupid and get your butt kicked.

5. If you witness someone calling an enlisted Marine "Sir," stand back. A Marine will kick their butt.

6. Next time you come across an Air Force member, do not ask them, "Do you fly a jet?" Not everyone in the Air Force is a pilot. Such ignorance deserves a butt kickin' (children are exempt).

7. Roseanne Barr's singing of the National Anthem is not a blooper. It was a disgrace and disrespectful. Laugh, and sooner or later your butt will be kicked.

8. Next time Old Glory prances by during a parade, get on your damn feet and pay homage to her by placing your hand over your heart. Quietly thank the military member or veteran lucky enough to be carrying her. Of course, failure to do either of those could earn you a severe butt kicking.

9. What Jane Fonda did during the Vietnam War makes her the enemy. The proper word to describe her is "traitor." Just mention her nomination for "Woman of the Year" and get your butt kicked.

10. Don't try to discuss politics with a military member or a veteran. We are Americans and we all bleed the same regardless of our party affiliation. Our chain of command is to include our Commander in Chief. The President (for those who didn't know) is our CIC regardless of political party. We have no inside track on what happens inside those big important buildings where all those "representatives" meet. All we know is that when those civilian representatives screw up the situation, they call upon the military to go straighten it out. The military member might direct you to Oliver North. (I can see him kicking your butt already.)

11. "Your mama wears combat boots" never made sense to me. Stop saying it! If she did, she would most likely be a vet and probably kick your butt!

12. Bin Laden and the Taliban are not communists, so stop saying "Let's go kill those Commies!" And stop asking us where he is! Crystal balls are not standard issue in the military. That reminds me...If you see anyone calling those damn psychic phone numbers, let me know, so I can go kick their butt.

13. Devil Dog, Jar Head, Grunt, Swabbie, Dog Face, etc., are terms of endearment we use describing each other. Unless you are a service member or vet, you have not earned the right to use them. Doing so could get you butt kicked.

14. Last, but not least, whether or not you become a member of the military, support our troops and their families. Every Memorial Day and religious holiday that you enjoy with family and friends, please remember that there are literally thousands of troops overseas wishing they could be with their families. Thank God for our military and the sacrifices they make every day. Without them, our country would get its butt kicked.

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Special Days

May 7, Wednesday – Los Angeles Police Emerald Society meeting, ol' Academy

May 11th, Sunday – Mother's Day

May 15th, Thursday – Police Memorial Day

May 23, 24 & 25, Friday through Sunday – Costa Mesa Highland Games

May 26th, Monday – Memorial Day

Earthquake in France!

It was reported that a severe earthquake occurred in central France. The severity was measured in excess of 10 on the Richter Scale. The cause was the 56,681 American soldiers buried in French soil rolling over in their graves.

According to the American Battle Monuments Commission, there are 26,255 American dead from World War I buried in four cemeteries in France. There are 30,426 American dead from World War II buried in six cemeteries in France. These 56,681 brave American heroes died in their youth to liberate a country which is guilty of shameful, unspeakable behavior in the 21st century. May the United States of America never forget their sacrifice as we find ways to forcefully deal with the God-forsaken turncoat country of France!

French Assistance Offered in Iraq

The French finally come through and save the day. President Jacques Chirac announced today that France would be deploying two elite units of French troops to Iraq. Five hundred crack troops from the 42nd Groupement d'Instruction en Abandonnement (42nd Surrender Instruction Group) are mobilizing to assist the Iraqi Army in the finer points of military surrender. "The immediate capitulation of an armed force is a delicate and intricate tactic in which we French have much experience," said Defense Ministry spokesperson General de l'Armee Francois-Philippe Hommes de Petit-Pommes. "There is a certain protocol in laying down your arms or fleeing the battlefield. To wave the white flag while remaining pompous and insufferable requires experience and training. The French Army believes it is second to none in the fine art of surrendering quickly. The record of our armed forces in that area speaks for itself. The Iraqi performance in giving up without a fight during the last Gulf War was slipshod. We hope to improve their level of surrender execution." General Hommes de Petit-Pommes further announced that 1,000 advisors from the Regiment de Colaborateurs Francais will also be dispatched to Iraq to assist the Iraqi people in collaborating effectively with any occupation force.

Only the Brits Could Say it So Well!

In Paris, France: The train was very crowded, so the U.S. Marine walked the length of the train, looking for an empty seat. The only unoccupied seat was directly adjacent to a well-dressed middle-aged French lady and was being used by her little dog.

The war-weary Marine asked, "Please ma'am, may I sit in that seat?"

The French woman looked down her nose at the Marine, sniffed and said, "You Americans. You are such a rude class of people. Can't you see my little Fifi is using that seat?" The Marine walked away, determined to find a place to rest, but after another trip down to the end of the train, found himself again

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facing the woman with the dog.

Again he asked, "Please, lady. May I sit there? I'm very tired."

The French woman wrinkled her nose and snorted, "You Americans! Not only are you rude, you are also arrogant. Imagine!"

The Marine didn't say anything else. He leaned over, picked up the little dog, tossed it out the window of the train and sat down in the empty seat.

The woman shrieked and yelled and demanded that someone defend her and chastise the Marine. An English gentleman sitting across the aisle spoke up. "You know, sir, you Americans do seem to have a penchant for doing the wrong thing. You eat holding the fork in the wrong hand. You drive your autos on the wrong side of the road. And now, sir, you've thrown the wrong dog out the window!"

The Next Meeting of Police Post 381

Our meetings are held on the third

Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be May 20, 2003. At Panorama Post #817, "our home away from home," 13553 Reedley Ave., Panorama City, (818) 781-2261. The normal \$5 donation for dinner will be requested. If you were at the last meeting, we served 20 dinners, then I do not have to tell you how good the food was, all home cooking. If **Richard Kalk** keeps up the good work, we might have to keep him as 2nd Vice. For information on the meeting, please call Cmdr. Richard Ledesma or maybe you should call the First Lady Elvia Ledesma at (323) 478-0934 or Adjutant **Frank Ortiz** at (626) 331-4271. For anything else, call J.J. at (818) 992-1414, even if only for someone to talk to. I'll listen!

If you have moved, please inform us of your new address! If you are retired, are your dues still being deducted?

Fierce Competition For The Best Candidates

by Janeshia L. Robinson

Why should Police Officers actively recruit for new candidates?

Officer Edward Yates summed it up quite nicely, "Good candidates are so hard to find. The competition for the good ones is so tough that we all need to do whatever we can to capture their interest and get them on the LAPD before we lose them to another agency."

Officer Yates is absolutely correct! Every contact that potential candidate who is truly interested has with a member of a law enforcement agency makes a huge impression.

Yates recalls his own experience when trying to come on to the LAPD, "Every time I saw or met someone from law enforcement, I would ask them lots of questions and try to find out more about how to get on their Department. I would ask what they liked and how they felt about working there."

This type of exchange may have a tremendous affect on someone trying to decide on a career in law enforcement or on what agency to consider. Even more so that just applying for a job, joining a police force is like becoming part of a community. The information you share and attitude you project may significantly impact whether or not a person follows through the entire process.

Furthermore, the truth remains that perhaps there is no other person who can better identify someone who possesses the qualities required to be a successful police officer than another police officer.

Office Yates further advises, "Make sure the person you recruit is genuine and really wants to do the job. Being a Police Officer is not for everyone." You have to be sure that potential recruit is fully aware of the dedication and hard work it takes to become a Los Angeles Police Officer.

By painting an honest picture and emphasizing the rewards and gratification of being a member of the law enforcement community, you can oftentimes tell who has the "right stuff" to succeed as an officer on the LAPD.

Officer Yates says the benefit of becoming an officer on the LAPD is manyfold. However, he notes in particular, "the people you meet along the way." Yates shares, "Whether it's the citizens or your co-workers, you will come across a lot of excellent people. Your Academy mates will probably become some of your very best friends. You definitely become part of a community.

And as part of that community you have a very important role. The job functions you perform, from the most minute to the most grand, have a significant effect on people's lives."

Besides that, Officers have to be salespersons to a degree. Share the things that make the Los Angeles Police Department a great place for a law enforcement career.

Yates, a relative newcomer with just 5 years on the Department, doesn't hesitate to share some of the benefits that set the LAPD a cut above many other law enforcement agencies.

He told the person he recruited, "The pay is excellent. The benefits are great. The job is never boring. There is something new to do everyday. Whether you decide to work patrol like me where you get to meet new people everyday or you prefer an inside job, you can find your niche."

Finally, he drove the whole message home with, "You can get paid good money to do something you love to do!" Knowing that his friend was a pilot and considering the military, Officer Yates shared some of the promotional opportunities and special assignments available with the LAPD.

Yates successfully recruited his teammate from his intramural baseball league. The candidate was laid off from one of the nation's largest radio stations and was considering joining the armed forces or another law enforcement agency. Yates snapped him up and pointed him toward the LAPD!

Ultimately, the job is what you make of it. However, the truth is there are excellent opportunities available to members of the Los Angeles Police Department. The LAPD is a wonderful place for a career. You can be anything, but bored!

Los Angeles Police Officers, this is a call to action! You provide a vital service to the City of Los Angeles and you can play an important role in making sure the LAPD remains among the world's finest. LAPD Recruitment and Employment Division and The Personnel Department's Public Safety Bureau challenge you to reach out to those you find to possess the dedication, discipline, integrity, honor and acumen it takes to be a member of the LAPD community.

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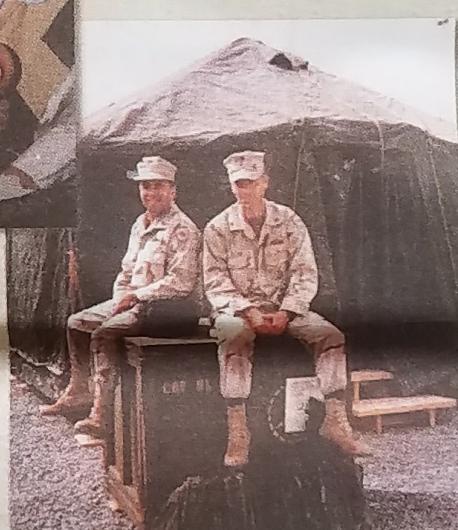
Protecting Those Who Protect Others

I would just like to say hello to all the wonderful men and women of our department. Last year I had the pleasure of being called out of retirement to come back to work for LAPD. Although it was only 90 days, the time that I spent there, after having retired 5-1/2 years before, was very enjoyable and I wished that the time had not gone by so fast. Well, I'm in a new venture now. I am serving as a Master Sergeant assigned to Central Command here in Kuwait. I work for the Command Chaplain as the Operations Acting Sergeant Major. I've been here since mid-December. So far, we have been working very hard and keeping 12-14 hour days. I think of everyone back home and would like to hear from any of you from time to time. My e-mail address here is: Arturo.valles@Kuwait.mil. Please pray for all our men and women out here who are trying to do the best job possible in the shortest amount of time so that all may come home safe. God bless us all!



You wouldn't even know that Hernandez left the States.
(Rampart Division)

MSG Art Valles, Coalition Forces Land Component Command
3d U.S. Army, Kuwait



Photos provided by Rampart Divisional Reporter
The Gamboas renewing their vows on a COT Box.



This is a photo of my daughter Jessica taken somewhere in the Middle East. Photo way of increasing the longing one has to see a loved one, in this case my daughter wanted to share it with you as a way to help me deal with missing her so much her in a place where I don't actually know where she is. As a father, you spend your life to protect your child, and now I can't do anything about it. In fact, now she is p

A Passage from a Sermon

by John Hagee

I want you to close your eyes and picture in your mind the soldier at Valley Forge, as he holds his musket in his bloody hands.

He stands barefoot in the snow, starved from lack of food, wounded from months of battle and emotionally scarred from death and carnage of war.

He stands though, with fire in his eyes and victory on his breath.

He looks at us now in anger and disgust and tells us this...

I gave you the birthright of freedom born in the Constitution and now your children graduate too illiterate to read it.

I fought in the snow barefoot to give you the freedom to vote and you stay home because it rains.

I left my family destitute to give you the freedom of speech and you remain silent on critical issues, because it might be bad for business.

I orphaned my children to give you a government to serve you and it has stolen democracy from the people.

It's the Soldier not the reporter who gives you the freedom of the press.

It's the Soldier not the post who gives you the freedom of speech.

It's the Soldier not the campus organizer who allows you to demonstrate.

It's the Soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows the protestor to burn the flag!

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

In Memoriam: Serving Our Country

Sgt. Edward Smith
2nd Tank Battalion, Fox Company
1st Marine Expeditionary Force
USMC and Anaheim Police Reserve Officer

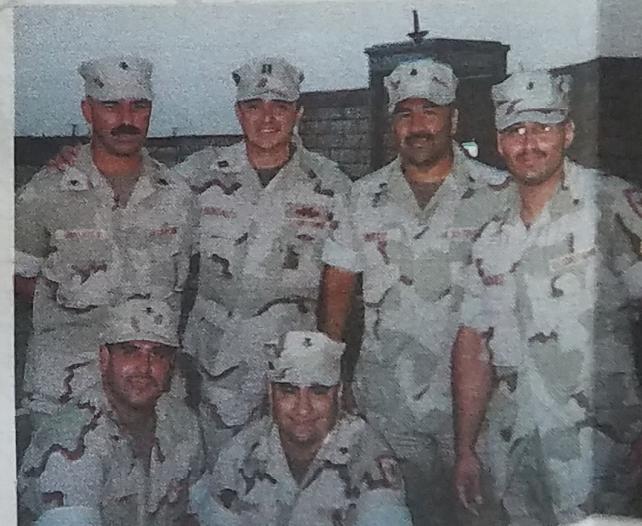
SSgt. James W. Cawley
1st Platoon, Fox Company
2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Division USMC
and Salt Lake City Police Officer

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Heroes

He is a husband, a father of three
I do not know him he doesn't know me.
Yet he still goes out there risking his life
For thousands of strangers, for his children and wife.
Many support him many do not,
But he is just doing what he has been taught.
He's defending our country, the red white and blue
He's willing to die for me and for you.
It makes me sick that he would go through this all,
for people who hate him for going to war.
He's willing to risk both his life and his limb
All that he asks is that we support him.
He's lost his brothers his family still cries,
Fearing for soldiers who are losing their lives.
The least we can do is support all the men
Who have all been through hell and would do it again.
They are all heroes and for them I will cry,
So many will suffer so many will die.
They're in my heart and each night I will pray,
To God for our soldiers and for the U.S.A.

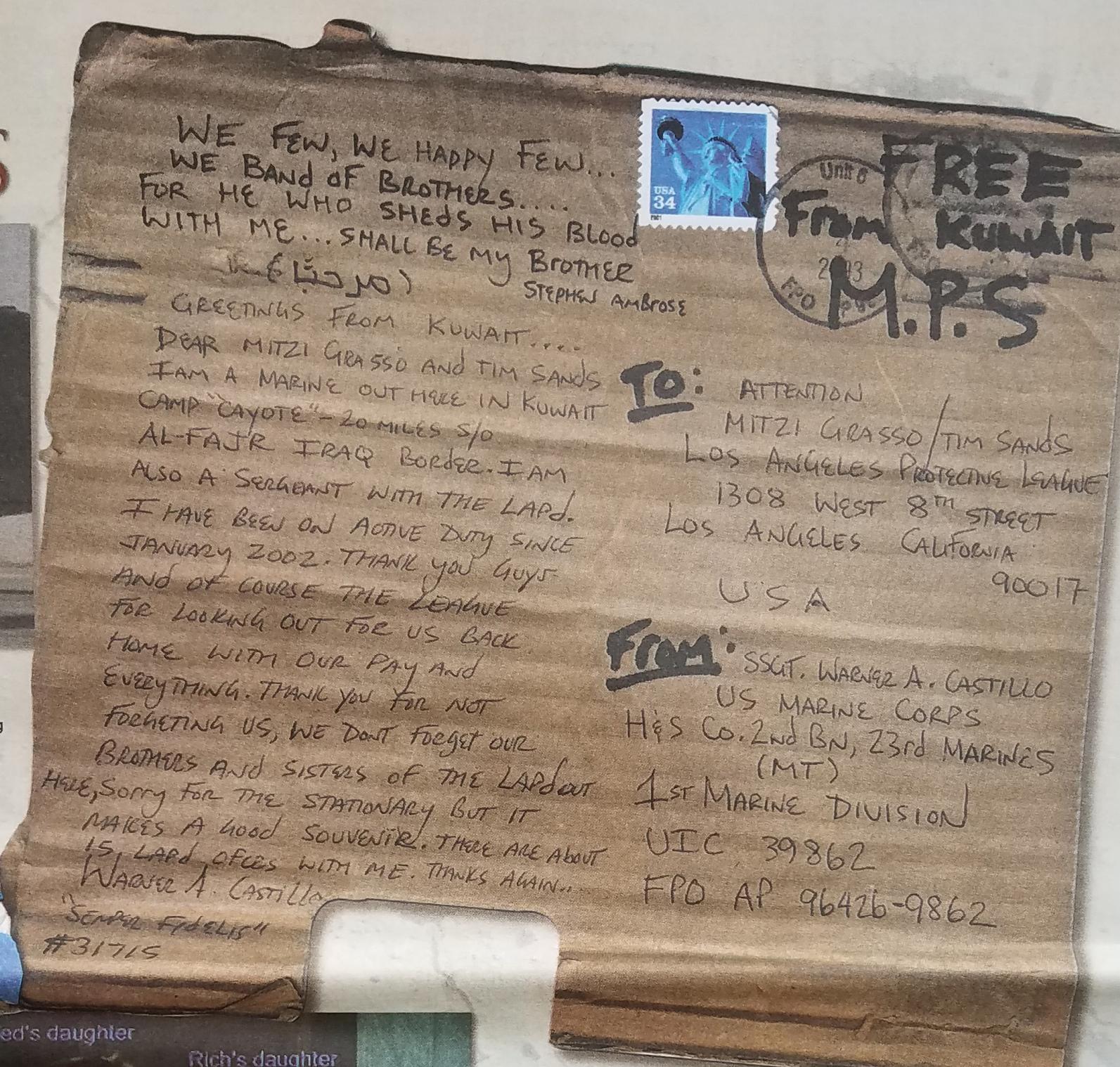
By: Shaina Weiss
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Officer Manuel Huezo (top row, second from the right) from Central Divi

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Middle East. Photos have a
base my daughter. I just
her so much and having
you spend your life trying
now she is protecting me.
— Ted Hunt



Military Daughters: Jessica Kochman (Ted Hunt) and Stephanie Andert (Richard Andert).



Hi Baby!
I've attached a photo my partners and I took for you today. I hope you get it. It's a small-file version for email and I'll send you a hard copy in the snail mail.

Be safe, Airman! Sure is getting hot over there!
Love,
Dad



Devonshire Officer and Marine Sergeant Mike Watson with Transit Rail Officer and fellow Marine Evan Guevarra.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Southern Tip

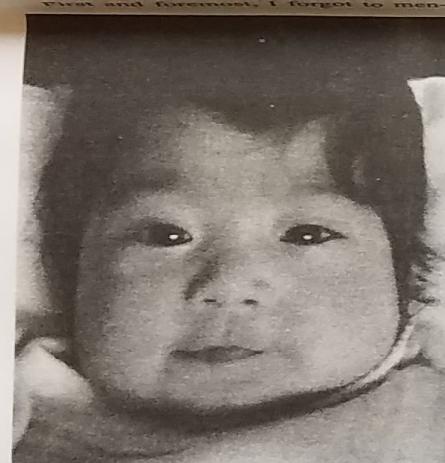
by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Ins & Outs

Transfer Order #4 is done, and here are the results: incoming was Sgt.1 **Theodore Edwards** from Southwest Division; P-2 **Troy Zeeman** from Newton Division; P-3 **John Martin** and clerk typist **April Romero** from Pacific Division. Outbound from Harbor was P-2 **Jeronimo Gil** now at Central Division; P-2 **Jeffrey Lovick** now at Communications Division; and P-2 **Frank Bancalari** now at Foothill Division. Upgrades were P-2 **Donald Eldridge**, now a P-3; and Sgt. 1 **Robert Teramura**, now a Sgt.2. Congratulations to one and all!

Baby News, Again!

As of recent, Harbor had its share of expecting parents, and the fruits of their labor are now showing.



Kiana Suzan Nelson, 6 months old!



Emily Raupp & Rylie Kristine

tion the arrival of a little one in the last issue, so let's give a big welcome to newby "Quinton Williams", whose proud parents are P-2 **Ryan Williams** and **Shelly Williams**. Quinton was born February 3rd, 2003, weighing in at 8 lbs. Congrats to Mom and Dad for their new joy!

Next, let's mention proud mama P-3 **Suzan Nelson** and proud papa P-3 **Jeff Nelson** (Pacific Div), with their baby girl "Kiana Suzan Nelson." Kiana is six months old now, and always laughing at everything, the trees blowing in the wind, clouds passing by, mom and dad walking by...ooops! Just kidding! I expect that Kiana will be "tri-lingual" when she starts talking, as her mom speaks Mandarin Chinese, dad speaks Spanish, and they both speak English. Congrats again and good job, Suzan and Jeff!

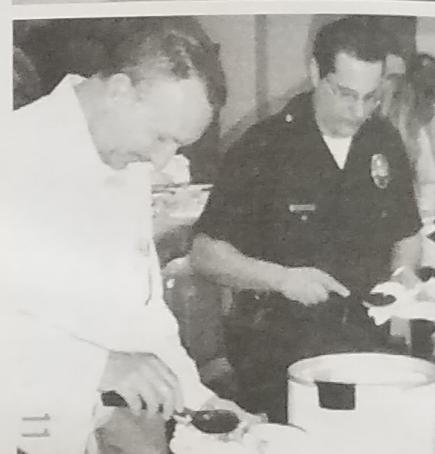
We also have P-3 **Emily Raupp**, who gave birth five months ago to baby girl Rylie Kristine Raupp-Martin. Emily, along with her partner Cathy Martin, and step-daughter Brittanie Martin, have a beautiful extension of their family unit with Rylie Kristine. While getting the scoop on Rylie, Emily spoke with a touch of anxiousness when she mentioned that Rylie had red hair and blue eyes, and added that a unyielding little tempera-



ment usually goes hand in hand with that combination. Not to worry Emily, I know plenty of red-headed, blue-eyed folks, who are as low key as you can get (but I didn't know them when they were babies, so....well,...good luck!). Emily also let me know that she is already expecting "one more" addition to the family in December, a Christmas baby. Congratulations to Emily, Cathy, Brittanie, Rylie and the new one to come!

A Big Thank You

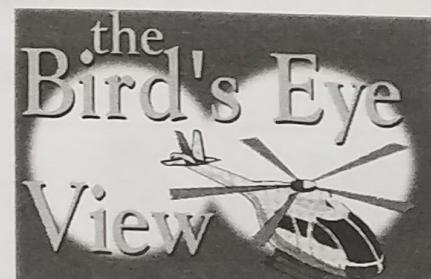
We in the Harbor are lucky to have an outstanding Volunteer Program, assisting us with our daily job of serving the community. The volunteers frequently help out with office chores, working with computers, answering calls at the front desk, and numerous other necessary tasks. To show some gratitude to the volunteers for their hard work, CAPS Det.2 **Audrey Hook** had an idea for a luncheon in their



honor. With funds collected from Harbor personnel, it was planned, prepared, and decorated with the help of CAPS Det.1 **Joy Argomaniz**, and CRO P-2 **Steve Erickson**. Everyone enjoyed a nice lunch of *chinese chicken salad, rice, chicken teriyaki, and yummy desserts!* At the end of the luncheon, the volunteers received a mini replica of a police badge as a keepsake. Once again, a GIGANTIC thank you to our Harbor Volunteers.

In Closing

The season is here for lots of warm weather, don't forget to wear your sun block and sun glasses! And as always, be safe, be smart, be sound, and keep on dancing.



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Attention Future Tactical Flight Officers

In approximately four months Air Support Division will advertise for Tactical Flight Officer positions. It is never too early to prepare for this challenging position. An oral interview is the first step in the process. This interview is not difficult to prepare for if you do a little homework ahead of time. Chief Tactical Flight Officer **Jaime Marin** is always available to answer any questions you may have about the position or the process. All of us at ASD can answer many of your questions and we encourage ride-alongs to see firsthand what the job encompasses.

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First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post
& Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealey
Communications Division

Do you have a son or daughter, sister or brother, who would like an exciting career with the Police Department? Maybe a friend or other relative? The position of Police Service Representative (PSR) is an important job and a great way to serve your community. Testing is continuous and salary and benefits are above most dispatch centers. Our most recent PSR class which

started on March 24 had several trainees who are friends or relatives of police department employees.

Sgt Matt Mulvihill who is now on active duty in Kuwait and Iraq with a Civil Affairs Unit wrote and told us about the 36 hours ordeal to fly to Kuwait. He left March AFB on a Boeing 777 on March 16. They flew to Gulfport, Miss. to pickup Sea Bees, then on to Houston, Texas for refueling. Next stop Milan, Italy, but the troops could not leave the airplane. Sgt Mulvihill eventually arrived in Kuwait at 1230 AM on the 18th, completely missing St. Patrick's Day. He is doing OK and establishing humanitarian assistance Centers to limit civilian suffering.

Welcome

We welcome to Communications Division P-2 J. Marroquin (from Cent) and P-2 J. Lovick (from Hrbr). We also welcome the following to the



Every is looking good! Left to right: Sgt. II Mike Barela (ICSB); Police Administrator Peter DiCarlo (ICSB); Former Deputy Chief Roger Ham (ICSB); P-3 Art Rodriguez; P-2 Joel Espinoza; P-2 Jaime Gonzales and Lt. Chuck Mealey.

Department Command Post: Sgt C. Bonilla (TBD); Sgt R. Heredia (TBD); Sgt E. Windham (TBD); P-3 B. Moore (TRD); P-3 R. Zimmerman (TRD); P-3 M. Hernandez (TRSG); P-3 R. Lakin (TSS); P-2 S. Anderson (TBD); P-2 J. Arellano (TBD); P-2 J. Zapatka (TBD); and P-2 S. French

(WTD). Maybe we should rename the DCP to Transit Liaison.

Goodbye And Thank You

P-2 F. Lloyd (FTHL); P-2 R. Berumen (NEWT); P-2 R. Aguinaga (RAMP); P-2 C. Carias (RAMP); and P-2 I. Gonzalez (SW).

West Valley wins Baker to Vegas! O.K., they win for their participation and running their derrieres off. Big thanks Captain Jodie McGee (of the team) for coordinating and assembling a team of runners and a big thanks to the runners and support personnel themselves. This year must have been different without Sergeant George Wright and his family in the great town of Pahrump, Nevada. George earlier this year had brain surgery, and yes, there was something there, and he has been recovering at home. We wish you the best George.

Ron Fogel and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, Thomas Fogel. Speaking of babies, there must be some-

thing going on, the other day I saw three officers comparing their tummies, all three are significantly pregnant and that doesn't even count the one in my office.

At the time of this writing, the rumor mill has Captain James H. Cansler being transferred in the Department's "reorg". If that becomes the case, West Valley will have their own protest. Captain Cansler is a terrific leader and truly cares about the people that work for him. Just a thanks Captain Cansler, sometimes to delegate up good things and a pat on the back is needed for our respected leaders as well. (Relax all, I have nothing to gain, sometimes we all just need a pat on the back.)

More Divisional Reporter on next page



try. Sergeant Stephen Merrin, an extremely proud American, tired of the anti-war rhetoric took his "pride" and placed it two hundred feet into the air. A little explanation, recently a new radio tower was erected next to West Valley Village. Steve had the thought what a better place was there to place the "Stars and Stripes." Steve through one of his many connections obtained a very large flag of "Old Glory." With the cooperation of the construction company, KPRS, they placed the flag on the top of the tower. One of the construction workers, a former Marine, realized the flag could not remain atop the tower at night without lighting. A halogen light was immediately plugged in and the nighttime display is breathtaking. If you are driving by or flying by West Valley Village, look at the pride of our nation and give thanks to the several men and women that are currently serving and have served our country.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Recent Events

On February 25th, Mission Community Hospital hosted the 3rd Annual Van Nuys



Barbeque hosted by the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.

XVIII Annual Los Angeles Marathon. This is a huge personal accomplishment that they trained hard for since last year. Congratulations to all for completing this huge endeavor.

Sgt-1 Teresa Wilson is now the Senior Lead Officer Sergeant. She is a cheerful addition to the CRO/SLO office. In the photo, Sgt Wilson stuffed her ears with pencils when she was in the watch commander's office to try

and tune out Stacy Ball. Stacy said, "I was talking too much and she was trying to drown me out because I was making her ears hurt, ha ha!"



Recipients at the Van Nuys Employee Recognition Luncheon.

Community Police Station Employee Recognition Luncheon. Four major awards were handed out: Civilian of the Year went to PSR **Stacy Ball**, Officer of the Year to PIII+I **Darrell Davis**, Detective of the Year to Det-II **Steve Henderson**, and Sergeant of the Year to Sgt-I **Daniel Bunch** (see photo). Award winning journalist, Harold Green from KCBS 2 News acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Operations Valley Bureau employees enjoyed a barbecue sponsored by the Police Memorial Foundation on March 20th at Van Nuys Station (see photo). Cheesburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks were enjoyed by many. The barbecue was in appreciation for all the hard work that police officers and department employees do. The Memorial Foundation plans on sponsoring future barbecues for the three other bureaus. Thanks for the grub and appreciation!

Kudos go out to Sgt-I **Steven Gottschalk**, Det-I **Ronald Von Gober**, PSR **Stacey Ball**, PII **Lydia Grzelkowska** and twelve ambitious **Van Nuys Explorers** for completing the

Sergeant Wilson stuck pencils in her ears to tune out Stacy Ball.

Copper Capers

On February 21, PII **Jamie Kirchoff** and PII **Darrell Sancho** were working patrol and tracked a Lo Jack hit in the area of Kester Av. and Vanowen St. A check of the Lo Jack number via the MDT revealed the vehicle to be a red 2000 Nissan Xterra. The vehicle had just been reported as taken in a car jacking

on the same day. Approximately ten minutes later, the officers observed a red Nissan Xterra with the same license plate traveling w/b on Vanowen approaching Sepulveda. The officers requested backup and an airship. Backup unit, PII **Peter Cabunoc** and P3 **Pedro Machuca** arrived, the airship was overhead then the vehicle was stopped on Victory and Balboa. Both suspects, wearing dark blue handkerchiefs around their necks, were ordered out of the vehicle and detained without incident. Officer Sancho observed a stainless steel colored semi-automatic replica Beretta pistol and a stainless steel colored semi-automatic replica Smith and Wesson pistol on the center console in plain view. He recovered them. PII **Lucas Hamilton** and PII **Kevin Beard** received a spontaneous statement from one of the suspects. The suspect said that the officers didn't need to take the handkerchief as evidence since he didn't have it over his face when he stole the car. He further stated, "It shouldn't be that serious, we didn't use real guns, they are only plastic." Way to go, great job officers!

On March 5, the Van Nuys' Special Enforcement Unit, Vice Unit and several patrol units received information regarding approximately 25 robberies that had occurred in Van Nuys, West Valley and Devonshire Divisions. Many of those robberies involved "7-11" and "AM-PM" mini markets. The units began specifically monitoring those locations in order to apprehend the suspect(s) involved in the robberies. On March 6, PII **Kelly Coles** and PII **Adam Hollands** were monitoring the "7-11" located on the corner of Vanowen St. and Woodman Av. Three males (the suspects), all wearing dark pants and dark hooded sweatshirts, with their hoods pulled over their heads, entered the store which was being monitored by the officers. Two of the males were carrying backpacks. Officer Hollands saw the cashier disappear behind the cash register counter. He observed two of the suspects motioning aggressively with their hands and moving quickly around the cash register counter. The suspects appeared to be motioning for the cashier to get down onto the floor. Approximately 30-45 sec-

onds later, the officers saw the three suspects run out of the store towards a vehicle which was parked nearby. A fourth suspect was the driver of the get-away car. The vehicle fled the scene with all suspects inside and officers followed in hot pursuit. The suspects' vehicle eventually continued to a cul-de-sac and abruptly pulled into the driveway of a residence. Two of the suspects bailed out of the car and ran between some houses. One suspect stopped running after reaching a rear yard and surrendered to VTD Motor Officer Crupi. The other suspect continued running from officers. A perimeter was established and K-9 responded. The suspect was located hiding behind a garage inside some bushes by K-9. The two other suspects, who remained inside the vehicle, were taken into custody without incident. All four suspects were arrested for 211 PC, Robbery. **Awesome arrests!** What a collective effort to get these four robbery suspects off the street!

Baby News

Little Elijah Evan Smith was born on January 30th, weighing 6 lbs. and was 19 1/2" long. PII **Sean Smith** and his wife Elizabeth are the proud parents.

PIII+1 **Trenton Berry** and his wife Griselda are the proud parents of Andrew Trent Berry. Andrew was born on February 3rd and weighed 8 lbs. 5oz. Congratulations!

Congratulations to PII **Dax Martin** and his wife, Jennifer, on the birth of their little girl, Reagan Ann Martin. She was born on February 21st and weighed 6.8 lbs and was 18" long.

Van Nuys Comings-N-Goings

Coming in: DIII **J. Vermatt**, #25525; PIII **I. Villafana**, #26429; PII **L. Dolley**, #35930

Leaving: PIII **C. Meissner**, #31749; PII **D. Scira**, #35980; PII **E. Sheklow**, #36063

Promotion: Congratulations to our own, **Moises "Moi" Ramirez** on his promotion to PIII. He will be working the p.m. "J" car. Moi, you will definitely be missed in the CRO office, but we will see you around. Good luck! ♦

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Winning With West Traffic

by Sgt. Stephanie Krajcir
West Traffic Division

Ins and Outs

Welcome to **Raul Rodriguez** in from 77th, **V. Medrano** from Transit Bus, **A. Reitz** from Transit Rail, and Reserve Officer **D. Spini**, in from VSS. Best wishes to **Stacy French** who is off to Communications.

Congratulations

Kristina Jimenez is the proud mother of a healthy baby boy, Lucas Daniel, born March 9, 8 lbs. 4 ounces. Kristina and baby are doing fine. Joe is still recuperating.

Employee of the Year

I have been remiss in not mentioning Sergeant **I. Don Tudor**, #21832, as West Traffic's Employee of the Year. Don has worked a variety of assignments since joining the force in 1977. He has been a welcome addition to WTD since 2000. While being quiet and unassuming, his 26 years of leadership and experience and positive attitude have shone through time and time again. He definitely has earned the trust of his superiors, the confidence of his subordinates, and the respect of his peers. Thank you for a job well done. Now don't you dare go and retire on us!!!!

Only in Hollywood

Two of our elite Deuce Task Force units were working the boulevard when they spotted a possible DUI driver. Officer **Scott Koegel** took the position of cover officer for the female passenger while Officer **Willie Workman** made contact with the male driver. All traffic stops are never the same, as this one quickly turned out to be quite unique. Both occupants were very cooperative, especially the female passenger who was travelling sans clothes, according to Officer Koegel's keen observation skills. Scott attempted to notify his partner in several ways (jumping jacks, waving the flashlight, etc.). However, Willie was focused on the driver who was leaning in such a way that Willie could not observe who was sitting in the passenger seat. Communication was finally established between the two officers and further investigation revealed that the two occupants were romantically involved and had not seen each other in quite a while, and were re-establishing their own communications skills. In short, the driver received a citation and the passenger was booked for indecent exposure.

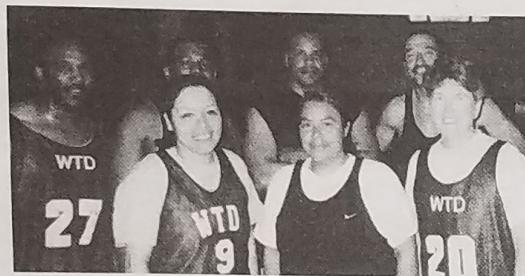
Nice recap guys!

Sports Update

Great job to WTD's basketball team for a super season and thanks to all who supported us! Kudos to **Marvin Brent** for his 3 point hoops, **Joe Taylor** for his outstanding inside play and **Rebecca**



Joe Taylor, Captain Williams Lieutenant Martha Moran.



Rear: Marvin Brent, George Bowens, Phil Carr and Joe Taylor. Front: Rebecca Reyes, Martha Moran and Stephanie Krajcir.

Reyes for her steals and assists! Next up—SOFTBALL and Baker to Vegas!

Internet Alert!!!!

Well with the war in progress our fine citizens are expressing their opinions in boisterous ways, causing the immediate response of L.A.'s finest. On more than one occasion, WTD officers have responded to the CP call out and filled the skirmish lines to defend our streets.



And as usual the press is out there to document the incidents and complain about police brutality when the cops have to use mobile field force tactics to move a hostile crowd. Seems like our own Lt. **Joe Peyton** got caught this time while leading the troops on in Westwood (see attached photo). Yep, better secure that attorney now and remember what to say—"I Don't Recall"...

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for KZLA's Operation Hugs From Home. WTD put together quite a few bags of goodies for the troops overseas at the request of radio station KZLA and the Marine Corps. Everything was greatly appreciated. Now let's say a few prayers and get these fine men and women back home safely (including our own WTD personnel). ♦

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What About Wilshire?

by Sgt. "Bobby" Smith
Wilshire Division

Remembering Wilshire's Fallen Comrades

This month's report is dedicated to the memory of our fallen comrades who served in Wilshire Division and with remembrance for all other law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting others: Officers **Charles Drake** (1926), **Thomas Scebbi** (1958), **Robert Endler** (1964), **Keith DuPuis** (1966), **Fred Early** (1973), **David Kubly** (1979), **Charles Rogers** (1980), **Mario Navidad** (1996), and Det. **Charles Monaghan** (1964).

Thanks Chief Bratton

Kudos to Chief **Bratton** for reform of the Department's discipline system. It was painfully obvious that the system was the problem.

We thank Chief Bratton, Commissioner Ochi and her fellow commissioners, Mayor Hahn and the LAPPL for the reform. We can now get back to again protecting and serving our communities, making them safe, knowing that the Department is supporting and standing behind us.

We also thank Chief Bratton and the Police Commission for the new Alarm Policy. Their actions have placed the responsibility of verifying alarms where it has always belonged—with the alarm companies, and frees up our officers.

We look forward to further enhancements of our work environment by Chief Bratton and the Police Commission.

Chaplains Join the Flock

Chaplains Chaim Kolodny and Ferrol

Robbins recently joined our flock.

Chaplain Kolodny was one of four volunteers honored by the Police Commission for the capture of a serial rapist. Chaplain Robbins joined us from 77th Area.

Teamwork L.A.

A new program instituted by Mayor Hahn decentralizes and gets city departments to work together to respond to residents' problems. The program includes a new phone line, 311, designed to allow residents to handle problems with one call.

At the first meeting, city officials addressed a problem that we have long been concerned with—the decaying footwear swinging above our community streets and residents' homes. Many residents feared the shoes signaled gang violence or drug dealing. Thanks to the officials of the Department of Water and Power (DWP), who are taking care of the problem. The DWP can be reached at (800) 342-5397 on a 24-hour basis.

The Department of Building and Safety has also developed a protocol for a response to reports of vacant buildings. The citywide Nuisance Abatement Program can be reached at (213) 738-5648.

We are 100% behind the program.

Gone to the Dogs (and Cats)

A dozen Animal Control officers seized 27 dogs and 47 cats at five properties owned by a man who had been trying to breed exotic felines and canines. It took about three hours and at least ten vehicles for the Animal Control officers to remove the 74 dogs and cats.

About three dozen of the cats were found in the man's apartment, which Animal control officers said was littered with animal feces and urine. He adopted some of the animals from shelters and bred the rest as a hobby, the man said.

The animals were taken to a shelter where they were examined. Once the case is solved, the animals will be put up for adoption if they are healthy and non-aggressive. ♦

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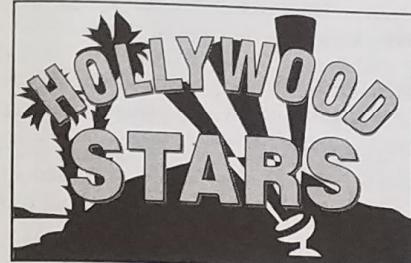
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Andrew Garcia
Hollywood Division

Ok, it has been a busy, busy month for all Hollywood officers. First of all, as we all know the war with Iraq has began and the Hollywood Mobile Field Force was activated five days in a row for the anti-war demonstrations, wow!! Lt Howard Silverstein (OIC Hollywood SEU) stated the officers worked hard and were professional in these stressful times.

Hollywood Division was also the site of a large demonstration in front of the CNN building. This attracted 5000 demonstrators. Captain Michael Downing he said he was proud of all the Los Angeles Police Officers.

I'm sure that we will have many more of these demonstrations to deal with, remember to watch your partners' backs!

Academy Awards

Hollywood was the site for the academy awards. Although the red carpet affair was cancelled due to security risks, the stars were still out that night. A sign of the times, another 2000 anti-war demonstrators showed up to attempt to ruin the ceremony, yeah right!

West Bureau Mobile field force, Metro, mounted unit, motors, California Highway patrol and LAPD officers kept the demonstrators at bay. Captain Patrick Findley stated that LAPD's finest kept the demonstrators away from the ceremony with professionalism and good old fashion "command presence!" Good job on a successful night!

A Personal Note

Sergeant Cliff Humphries asked me to pass this note along:

After the loss of my mother to Lymphoma cancer in September 2002, my family and I joined the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's fight against blood-related cancers. We were committed to raising awareness in helping



Sergeant Humphries.



Sergeant Bixler and his Bike Unit.

to fund research that will one day yield a cure for this illness.

On Saturday, March 8, 2003, my brother-in-law, Alonzo, and I completed the Solvang Century (100 miles) Bike Ride to which we completed in just over six hours. In addition, on February 28, 2003, my sister, Pam and her friend, Chona, completed the LA Marathon!

Our goal was to raise \$5000.00 for Dylan 11, and Catherine 4, who are combating leukemia. With all the unbelievable support we received from our family and friends we raised over \$6000.00, well over our objective!



Officer Hetherington and Officer Foster.

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In memory of my mother and on behalf of those still enduring this dreadful illness. I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of your heart at Hollywood Division for providing wonderful support for this precious cause. Thank you!

Sergeant Cliff Humphries/Hollywood Area

That's Police Work!

For the last six months the officers assigned to the Career Criminal Apprehension Detail (PO II Shawn Hetherington, PO II Kelly Muniz, PO II Michael Foster, PO II Tim

Jenneman, PO II, Rick Koval and PO II Bill Wilson) have been hot on the trail of a major narcotics supplier in the Hollywood and Highland area. Finally, Police Officer II Shawn Hetherington (Squad Leader) and Police Officer II Michael Foster received information of the whereabouts of this supplier. They worked in combination with narcotics and conducted an operation to arrest the suspect.

The end result was the arrest of seven suspects, 3 pounds of meth, 2 pounds of tar heroin, 2 pounds of marijuana, 2 guns and \$10,000.00 cash! Great job!

Take care, 6Z20

#27115; M. Anderson (aka the Capitan), #35004; T. Fitzsimmons (I'm in foot pursuit of a 415 man with a gun, Tony), #35345; C. Zaragoza ("Z"), #34833; C. Andrade (Why did you shave your head again??), #35783; M. Hubert (cash over time, where?), #32851; C. Joh, #32859; J. Wenninger (Anybody's for Lawry's), #30572; B. Purece, #32488; I. Valdovinos (Val), #31198; J. Abner, #35835; P. Hendry (I miss Amir!!), #32276.

Alternates: D. Arrona (Shrek), #35147; A. Bonner, #35249; K. Chavez (KC), #34847; E. Hernandez (wait a minute, isn't he in Iraq??), #35159; I. Ornelas (Ike), #23718; R. Piazza #30673; M. Rojas, #32125; I. Santin, #31383; A. Taylor (aka Oppy), #31466; J. Townsend, #35284.

Commendable Caper

Moreles, #25982 Braindle, #33655

Officers received a radio call two men with a gun in the area of Pico Blvd. And Tobberman St. They arrived in the area and observed two individuals that matched the description that was given in their comments. When the officers were approaching the two, they fled on foot. Officers gave chase and set up a perimeter. Responding Officer V. Gutierrez, #26802, while assisting with the perimeter, recovered a sawed-off rifle behind a residence. K-9 was requested and a search was conducted for the suspects. The first suspect was located inside of a nearby residence and taken into custody without incident. The second suspect was found inside a clothes dryer at the same residence. He was also taken into custody without incident. A field show-up positively identified the suspects by the P/R and both were arrested. Outstanding teamwork and relentless pursuit of the suspects resulted in two potentially violent suspects being removed from the street, and a rifle out of the hands of those individuals. Great job!

Thoughts

We would like to wish Officer Victor Alvarez a get-well-soon greeting. We are not going anywhere. Get well soon and we are here for you when you. Also our thoughts go out to our other brothers over in the desert. They were able to get a couple of pictures and e-mails out to us before the war was started to let us know they are doing okay (see center photos). Take care of business and come back same guys. We are thinking of you always.

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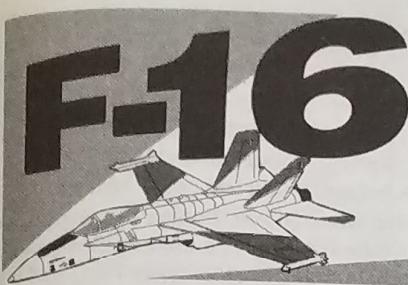
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by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Officers to be Commended

Foothill Patrol, P-2 **Wilbur**, #30646, P-2 **Ernst**, P-2 **Kapulungan**, #32957, and P-2 **Balderas**, #33374.

On November 3, 2002, at 0400 hours, Officers Wilbur and Ernst were patrolling in the area of Pierce St. and Leigh Ave. when they observed a vehicle traveling at 55 mph in a 25 mph zone. When the officers began to follow the vehicle, the driver quickly pulled to the curb and allowed the passenger to flee on foot. As the suspect ran, Officer Wilbur and Ernst observed that he was holding what appeared to be a pistol in his right hand. The officers pursued the suspect on foot to 111077 De Foe Ave., where he climbed over a wrought iron gate. As the suspect climbed the gate, he dropped the pistol in the process and then disappeared from officers' view between two houses. Officers broadcasted the suspect's physical description to responding units as the suspect fled on foot. Officers recovered a loaded .22 cal. revolver from the driveway where the suspect dropped it.

Officers Kapulungan and Balderas responded to the perimeter request and wisely positioned themselves on the opposite end of the block. A short time later, officers observed an individual who matched the suspect's description walking out of the shadows nearby. Officers Kapulungan and Balderas quickly detained the suspect before he could break free from the perimeter. Officers Wilbur and Ernst positively identified him as the wanted suspect. Officers Wilbur and Ernst are commended for their proactive police work, keen observation skills and excellent radio broadcast while pursuing an armed suspect. Kapulungan and Balderas are commended for their quick response to the perimeter request and their keen observation skills, leading to the fast arrest of a wanted suspect who was attempting to break a perimeter. This kind of teamwork is the essential foundation of any effective and hard-working watch. Great job.

Foothill Detectives

On 2/5/03, a lone suspect had entered a business in Mission Hills. Once inside, the suspect asked the business owner, 67 years old, to make a key for him. While the owner was making the key, the suspect went behind the owner and placed an unknown type of object on his back, simulating a gun. The suspect removed the money from the cash register and requested the owner's money from his wallet. The owner complied and gave him all his money. During this time, the owner

noticed that the suspect only had a knife. The owner grabbed a pair of scissors and grabbed the suspect's legs. The suspect managed to escape and ran to the rear of the parking lot. The suspect escaped in a white pickup truck and drove away. A witness was able to write the vehicle license plate number—3B90972.

Officers **Parra**, #33625, and **Munoz**, #27719, working Foothill area detectives property crime task force, received the information regarding the described incident and the vehicle license number. Officers conducted their investigation and revealed that the suspect had also committed several robberies in the Van Nuys area. An anonymous caller had advised Van Nuys detectives that a suspect was bragging about some robbery that he stabbed an old man, who was driving a white pickup truck. Officers started their search in the Sepulveda Blvd. area which divides both divisions. On 2/19/03, at 1450 hours, officers observed a white pickup truck in the area of Nordhoff St. and Sepulveda Blvd. Officers observed a white male matching the description entered the white pickup truck and drove away from the area. Officers requested a backup and took the suspect into custody without further incidence. Officers Munoz and Parra conducted their interview with the suspect who admitted he had committed numerous robberies to support his \$70 a day cocaine habit.

Officers are commended for their investigative and interview skills to clear numerous crimes in the Foothill area. Outstanding job.

Helping Fellow Officers

Officer **De La Cerdá**'s wife was involved in a traffic accident on the way to work. She lost control of her vehicle and rolled down an embankment. Their two small children were in child restraint seats and she was ejected out of the car. Citizens stopped to assist to help in the rescue of the injured driver and both of the children. Well, Cmdr. **Moore** was one of the citizens helping at the scene. He helped with getting the kids out of the vehicle and making sure help was on the way. Once she was at the hospital, the doctors discovered she had numerous fractures, cuts, bruises and a possible broken neck. Cmdr. Moore stated it looked bad at the scene and he was glad to help out. The De La Cerdá family are very grateful for Cmdr. Moore's help at the scene. He is a true leader and servant by stopping and helping out others in need.

Several weeks have passed and she is going to recover after several months of therapy. And also, thanks go out to Capt. **Pitcher** for visiting with the De La Cerdá family and bringing food to the hospital. The family was at the hospital and didn't leave until she was okay. We all here at Foothill pray for the De La Cerdá family and for a speedy recovery for his wife. God bless all who went to visit the family at the hospital, and Frank is very thankful for the support from all his brother/sister officers.

Remember our brother and sister officers that were activated to the war. Keep in touch with their families and write them letters to let them know they are not forgotten.

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Pacific Breeze

by Lynn Hunter
Pacific Division

This has been a really bad month for burglars in Pacific Area. Officers **Laura Curtin** and **Rodrigo Rodriguez** were staking out Albertson's market where they expected to find some robbers. They found two burglars instead, who are helping clean up about 25 DR#s. The officers almost got the getaway driver too, but there were only two of them. Pretty good job to be able to stake out a place in full uniform and a black and white and still get their men!

Then Officers **Jennifer Labrada** and **Alan Aldegarie** did a PC stop on a juvenile-looking suspect that turned into a 496 arrest. They did outstanding follow-up work and this helped clean up another 33 DR#s.

Officers **Leo Lussier** and **Sean Gregory** arrested a suspect back in July. They knew the guy by name, his meth manufacturing and dealing, and his numerous burglaries, as well as his \$1,010,000 warrant, but couldn't find him. They finally arrested one of his friends and found out the prolific bad guy's current residence. They got a consent search from the girlfriend (written and tape recorded) and recovered over 480 items of stolen property. They were assisted by Officers **Juan Ceja**, **Melvin Campos**, **Elliott King**, **Shane Bua**, **Manual Ibarra**, **Blanca Lopez**, **Kevin Study**, **David Podesta**, and **Christopher Zine**. It took two full days to physically book the property. Along with 215 additional items of stolen property from the earlier arrest that brought about the warrant, this cleaned up 94 DR#s in Pacific and one in Hermosa Beach, as well as identifying numerous other crimes in Redondo Beach and Torrance. Narco in three of the cities got into the act, too. Seven more suspects were identified with his little group of criminals. The main bad guy was held to answer for six counts and is awaiting trial.

Culver City, Inglewood, and Lennox Sheriffs even helped by arresting a guy who committed numerous hot prowls in Pacific and the other cities. The dummy kept stealing car keys and cars in the

burglaries then getting arrested in the cars. He would also steal cell phones and use them to call his own house! Duh. He cleaned up almost 20 burglaries in Pacific. His priors were for two residential burglaries, two armed robberies, and a murder. The D.A. doesn't like the three-strike law, but his deputies think he'll go for six strikes. Prelim. pending on 11 counts: five hot prowls in Pacific and Torrance, a couple GTAs, and RSPs all with "special circumstances" due to the priors.

By the way, I work Pacific Burglary. These officers really made me look good.

This month, our honored roaste is...the infamous **Gerry Smedley**, SLO for 14A13. He used to think he was Superman and tried to outrun a speeding bullet. It caught him in the leg. In no time he was back to full duty. According to his fellow SLOs, he can always be counted on to say something at their meetings—NOTHING. They say he's the only smart one among them. The rest of them can't help opening their mouths just enough to put their feet in. But Smedly plays it safe. At crime control meetings when they ask what's going on in his area, Smed says, "They're selling dope in Oakwood." Smed's so secretive, nobody knows any secrets about him. So the search is on. Watch out, Smed, when we find the skeleton in your closet! Smed's been in Pacific since 1987. On the job that is. Gerry grew up (?) in Oakwood. He's been married for 26 years to Debra. Both of them are doing couples ministry. Their daughter, Adrienne, graduated from Grambling University. Their younger daughter, Leslie, plays basketball and volleyball in high school. Okay, Smed. We're on the hunt. When we find something juicy, you'll be the last to know!

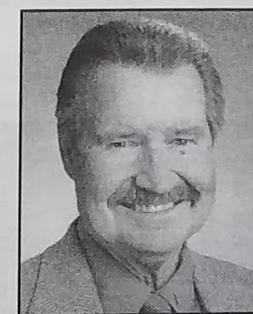
Incoming! PII **John Martin** from Harbor and PIs **K. Lau** from TBD and **N. Nunez** from TRD. Ciao to **Jim Gordon** who got his stripes back and is going to Southwest. Also to SGT Is **Bart Landsman** (to Harbor) and **Craig Brown** (to Communications), PIIs **James Muniz** (to Rampart) and **John Martin** (to Harbor), and PIs **Ramsey Aquinaga** (Communications), **Jesse Audelo** (Rampart), **Carlos Andrade** (Southeast), **Thomas Ralph** (Southeast), **Robert Powers** (WTD), **John Downey** (to Hollywood), **Sam Park** (to Hollywood), and **Matthew Wortman** (to West Valley). ♦



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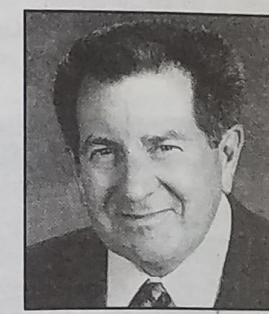
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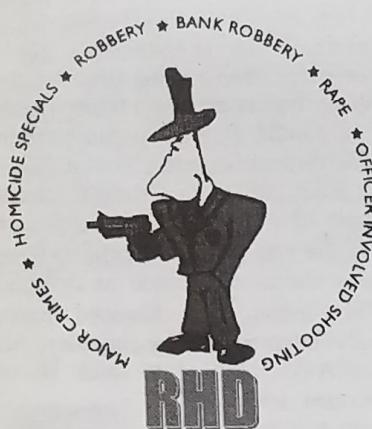
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Det. Marcella Winn
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

Detective Steve Koman, Robbery-Homicide Division, Robbery Special Section submitted the following.

Between March 3, and May 18, 2001, the City and County of Los Angeles began experiencing a crime spree that involved over **50 fast food restaurants**. This spree included the cities of **Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, Monrovia, Glendale, Pasadena, Burbank, and West Hollywood**.

Detectives from Robbery-Homicide Division, Robbery Special Section, (RHD/RSS), were alerted to this crime spree and assumed the investigative responsibility for this series of crimes. During the course of this investigation **Detective Steve Koman**, the lead investigator, diligently investigated this case and conducted several interviews and follow-up investigations. **Detective Koman** worked closely with fellow detectives from Robbery-Homicide Division, utilizing their expertise, to identify the suspects. As a result three suspects were identified as being responsible for this series of crimes. Anthony Almendarez, William Tanielian, and Carlos Cumplido. On May 23, 2001, RHD Detectives observed William Tanielian in the city of Glendale. Detectives notified the Glendale Police Department, and a subsequent pursuit ensued. The termination of the pursuit resulted in the death of an innocent motorist. Suspect Tanielian was taken into custody. After this incident, the residence of Anthony Almendarez was put under surveillance. The televised arrest of William Tanielian caused Anthony Almendarez to flee. Shortly after fleeing from his residence Officers from West Valley Division encountered Almendarez, and a vehicle pursuit ensued and a subsequent gun battle, which resulted in the demise of Anthony Almendarez.

In April 2002, detectives from RHD obtained a 69 count criminal indictment from the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on William Tanielian, and on Carlos

Cumplido in absentia. In September of 2002, the Honorable Judge Robert Perry, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Department 103 heard the case against William Tanielian. Suspect Tanielian was found guilty, and sentenced to 138 years to life.

Suspect Carlos Cumplido fled into Mexico and has not been seen since. An outstanding warrant charging Carlos Cumplido with 69 counts of robbery has been issued.

Detectives from Robbery-Homicide Division, would like to thank all the officers and detectives involved in this incident. Due to the number of involved personnel from the Los Angeles Police Department and the outside agencies, it is impossible to name everyone. The cooperation of all involved was very crucial to the apprehension of these bandits.

Noteworthy Incident

During the 31st California Robbery Investigators Annual Seminar in Las Vegas, **Lieutenant Jim Grayson**, Watch Commander of Robbery-Homicide Division, and Officer-In-Charge of Robbery Homicide Division, Robbery Special Section, was recognized as the **Department's Kidnap Expert**. Lieutenant Grayson was also selected as "Mr. Robbery" during this conference. Well done, Lieutenant.

RHD Legal Corner

Are You Putting Yourself in Harms Way?

Lieutenant Rick Papke

Are you playing "**Detention/Arrest Roulette?**" If you are, your career, home, bank account and possibly your freedom are the stakes in this dangerous game! Did you know that if you improperly detain an individual you could end up in federal court as the **defendant** in a Civil Rights violation case?

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All the rules relative to detentions and arrests stem from the **Fourth Amendment** to the U.S. Constitution. Defense attorneys, through the years, have brought detention and arrest cases to the U.S. Supreme Court (Court) to determine the lawfulness of the officer's actions. The Court's rulings on those cases were based upon their interpretation of the Fourth Amendment. The resulting case law gave us the rules.

The Fourth Amendment states, "The

right of the people to be secure in their **persons**, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and **seizures** shall not be violated..." In other words, the Fourth Amendment prohibits an unreasonable (read unlawful) seizure of a person. When officers detain or arrest an individual they have seized him/her. If the officer has not followed detention and arrest rules handed down by the Court, the officer has violated the individual's Fourth Amendment Civil Rights.

Let's talk about Police Contacts. There are only three; **Consensual Contacts, Detentions and Arrests**. To determine which contact exists, a judge will employ the "reasonable person test." Given the facts articulated in an arrest report or the officer's testimony the judge will determine what a reasonable person would have felt about his/her freedom, based on Court decisions. The following is what the Court has ruled a reasonable person would believe about their freedom for each contact:

- **Consensual Contact — Free To Go**
- **Detention — Temporarily Not Free To Go**
- **Arrest — Going to Jail**

Now that we understand the definition of each of these contacts we can move on to the rules.

Police Contact Rules

Consensual Contacts

- Must Be Voluntary
- No Coercion (Can't surround, no guns, no intimidation)
- No Orders (Can't order to stop or show I.D.)
- No Restraint of Freedom (Can't block path, handcuff or lock up)
- No Non-Consensual Searches (Includes Frisk. OK to ask for consensual search)

You may contact anyone you wish to talk to, for any reason as long as it is consensual and you are legally in a place to make the contact. You may also ask for a consent search for no particular reason. The consensual contact could lead to a detention and then an arrest.

Detentions

- Must have **REASONABLE SUSPICION** that some sort of criminal activity is afoot and the suspect is involved. No crime has to be occurring, just suspicious activity that could be of a criminal nature.
- Must articulate facts that would cause any person with similar training and experience to form reasonable suspicion.
- May only detain for a reasonable time. The amount of time it takes to investigate the suspicious activity around that location, at that time.
- Exceeding the reasonable time component turns a lawful detention into an unlawful detention.
- Absent exigent circumstances, may not transport a detainee without consent or PC to arrest. Transportation without consent or PC is an illegal arrest.

Arrest

- Must have **PROBABLE CAUSE**.
- Probable Cause means enough facts to convince a reasonable person with similar training and experience to believe a specific crime has been committed and there is a strong suspicion the suspect committed the crime.
- Probable Cause to arrest must be **crime specific**.
- Reasonable suspicion to detain requires only suspicious activity that could be of a criminal nature.

Remember that you must convince the judge that you have followed these rules. To do that you must articulate all the facts and justify your actions.

When writing or reviewing an arrest report follow these simple guidelines:

- **OBSERVATION**
- **ARTICULATION**
- **JUSTIFICATION**

Never in law enforcement history has it been so important for officers to know and keep updated on the rules of police contacts and search and seizure. Every officer and detective should subscribe to the California Peace Officer's Legal Sourcebook. This is a California Department of Justice publication that is updated every two months. It is written by a Deputy Attorney General to communicate to police officers. It is not written in legalese. It explains all the legal issues officers and detectives deal with on a daily basis then gives examples of what officers have done and the case law resulting from those detentions, searches, etc. It covers the spectrum of search and seizure, search warrants, interrogation law and much more. It is well worth the investment to subscribe to this publication.

The following bibliography will help keep you legally informed:

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by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

This letter was left on my desk. It is a very special one and I wanted to share it with everyone.

Hello, Everyone,

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Jacqueline. I am the wife of Officer **Manuel A. Huezo**. We have been married for 16 years and have two children. Manny Jr. and Stephanie. Manuel was called to active duty for the U.S. Coast Guard on February 8, 2003 and was shipped out somewhere in the Middle East on February 17th. He had just returned back to the U.S. on April 9, 2002 from serving 6 months in Bahrain after 911. Saying goodbye was the hardest and saddest thing we had to do, but remembering the sacrifices he is making now for our country is what allows all of us the freedom we have today. I would like to take a moment of your time to recognize the dedication, hard work, and sacrifices Manuel makes each day by placing his life on the line all in the name of freedom. Words cannot express the depth of admiration and gratitude I have for him. He makes me so proud!!! So as each of you go about your day, please take a moment and say a little prayer not only for my husband but also for all of our LAPD members who have been re-called to active duty. Please pray for their safety and that they return home safely.



Officer Manuel Huezo top-second from the right

The following Central Officers were called to active duty:

Manuel A. Huezo
Johnny Cervantes
Gregory Bateman
Fidel Gonzalez
Katharina McAnany
Jessica Mojica
Brian Putnam

suspect's jacket pocket. The suspect was taken into custody. They recovered the knife and found it to have blood on it. Witnesses arrived and positively identified the suspect. A check of the suspect's rap sheet showed a history of arrests and violent crimes. Due to the combined efforts of the Problem Solving Unit, the Senior Lead Officers, and Officers Evans and Ojeda, a violent offender is off the streets. **GREAT WORK!**

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Commendable Capers

On 1-9-03, Central Division Officers received a Lojack hit for a Montebello PD stolen, a 1998 GMC Yukon, two minutes after activation of the signal. Central Officers initially picked up the signal in the area of 7th St. and Grand Ave. Officer **Larry Mendoza** #34799 and **Juan Flores** #32169 heard the broadcast and immediately responded to 5th and San Julian Street. This was the area where they had observed the parked vehicle earlier in the evening. Upon arrival, they observed the vehicle parked on the N/E corner with several passengers. After back up arrived, they conducted a felon stop and detained all occupants. Upon completion of their investigation, they booked the driver for 10851(a) VC and 3 passengers for warrants. Considering the difficulty in localizing a LoJack signal downtown because of the density of tall buildings, the actions of these officers prevented a potential escape by the suspects and resulted in four good arrests. Because of their quick thinking, they tied the "two minute" record for a LoJack recovery and arrest set in 1998. LoJack sent a commendation to the all the Officers. **GOOD JOB!**

On 2-2-03, Central Officers **Richard Evans** #31893 and **Pete Ojeda** #36393 received a radio call of an ambulance cutting near the Olvera Street Plaza. The Central Division Problem Solving Unit (PSU), made up of officers on bicycle and in patrol units, was in the area assisting Senior Lead Officers with Illegal vendor enforcement. They, along with **Senior Lead Officers Steve Morris** and **Pete Foster**, responded immediately and were on scene within minutes to assist with the crime scene, witness statements and escorting the victim to the hospital. Officers Evans and Ojeda quickly gathered witness statements and put out a crime broadcast that included a good description of the suspect and weapon used. Officers **Pernell Taylor** #32992, **Angel Gomez** #34224, **James Lenoue** #34122, and **Charles DeRosier** #35209, immediately checked the Chinatown area north of Olvera street on their bicycles. They observed an individual that matched the description of the suspect in the Chinatown area. As they approached the individual, they observed a knife matching the description of the weapon used sticking out the

suspect's jacket pocket. The suspect was taken into custody. They recovered the knife and found it to have blood on it. Witnesses arrived and positively identified the suspect. A check of the suspect's rap sheet showed a history of arrests and violent crimes. Due to the combined efforts of the Problem Solving Unit, the Senior Lead Officers, and Officers Evans and Ojeda, a violent offender is off the streets. **GREAT WORK!**

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18 SOUTHEAST

by El Payaso
Southeast Division

A Bit of History

The city of Watts was founded in 1907. It was originally a farming community of 1,400 people with a large Pacific Electric Railway, aka "The Big Red Car."

The police force, which was then known as the Watts Marshal's Office, consisted of an appointed Chief



Chief Bratton accepts his Southeast t-shirt.



Southeast Division, and last, but not least, the food. A spread, which was definitely fit for a king. As plates were filled to their absolute limit, and everyone began to enjoy the endless selection of food, Capt. **Hara** then welcomed and thanked all in attendance as well as those who participated and contributed to the festivities.

A short time later, Chief Bratton, our guest of honor, arrived to join in the feast. Then it was the Chief's turn at the microphone. He thanked the Southeast community for welcoming and embracing him. He also thanked the officers of Southeast Division for their hard work and dedication to the community.

Chief Bratton was then presented with a "Watts Police" T-shirt and a commemorative replica of the original Watts Marshal's badge.

All in all, it is fair to say that the entire event was a success and that everyone left with a full belly. Special thanks to PSR **Gloria Unterburger** and the member of CPAB for making this all possible.

In Our Thoughts

As we all go home to our families every night, let's not forget to say a prayer for our brothers and sisters now



Lieutenant May put in his best choppers to enjoy the feast.



Good food...good company.

Marshal, a staff of approximately six to twelve deputies, which included motor police, deputies, special deputies, sergeants and a pound master (aka "dog catcher"). For those of you who want a firsthand account of what police work was like back then, ask Lt. **May**.

In 1926, the citizens of Watts voted to be voluntarily annexed into the City of Los Angeles. From 1928 to 1978, the city of Watts was handled by 77th Division, which was built to handle the additional land. Southeast Station became operational in June, 1978, and dedicated in September, 1978 (Yes, Lt. May was still here then, along with **Yvonne Witherspoon**, the Auto Clerk.).

On March 26, 2003, Southeast Station hosted a 25th anniversary luncheon. The event was also an opportunity to welcome Chief **Bratton**, "Southeast style."

It all began with a blessing for the U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf, the officers of

serving our country in the Middle East and especially those members of our Southeast family who are currently deployed to that region of the world: PIII **K. Leiss**, PII **P. Sinclair**, PII **R. Knight**, PII **C. Byrly**, PII **T. Ralph**, PII **M. Hogg** and Sgt. **M. Stainbrook**. God speed. May you return home healthy, safe and triumphant!

Makin' the Moves

Welcome aboard to PIII **Borunda** from HOBK, PII **Leighty** from NE, PII **Nagle** from TD-REC, PIs **De Vera**, **Vascones** and **Wilson**. All join us from TD-REC, and Sgt. **Canchola** from IAG.

Flying the coup are: PII **Villanueva** to CENT, and PII **Wences** to WIL. Good luck to all of you! ♦

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

BEST of the WEST

by Sharon McTiernan
Southwest Division

Hello everyone. I hope you are all doing well during this turbulent time in our lives.

A big hello to the following officers from Southwest Division who have been deployed overseas: Sgt. J. Guay, #30429, U.S. Army; Det. R. Jones,



#30324, U.S. Marine Corps; Officer J. Diamond, #32534, U.S. Army; Officer R. Albert, #31271, U.S. Navy; Officer A. Mkrtchyan, #35069, U.S. Marine Corps; and Officer P. Hassel, #32763, U.S. Coast Guard. Southwest Division is extremely proud of our officers that are overseas and to assist their families the station has collected over a thousand dollars so far. We have also put together six large care packages of the officers' favorite foods, magazines, letters, baby wipes and toilet paper. (Anything to help out!) Everyone here at Southwest would like to wish all the soldiers who are overseas a safe return and that they have our support. Stay safe!

P.S. Thanks to Gabie Lopez and the ladies in the area office whose hard work and determination made this possible for our officers and their families.

Commendable Capers

On 3/20/03, Officer Salgado and Officer Szymkowiak were working morning watch in Southwest Area when they received a radio call of a "robbery in progress" at 4299 Crenshaw Blvd., at the Blockbuster Video store. According to the comments, the P.R. was in the back office and the suspects were heard yelling at the victims to hand over the money. Senior Lead Officers Pritchett and Rumion were working 3SL31 nearby in Lemiert Park when they heard the broadcast of the 211 in progress. The SLOs were the first to arrive at the scene and observed two male blacks, one wearing a black ski mask, and both

wearing hooded sweatshirts, moving about in the store. The SLOs ordered the suspects to put their hands up and to remain in the store. As soon as additional units arrived, the suspects were ordered out of the store and taken into custody without incident. According to the numerous witnesses and victims at the scene, the suspects entered the store and suspect #1 jumped over the counter. Suspect #1 then grabbed the employee's hair and pulled on it while ordering her to open the cash register. Suspect #2 stood by and pointed a .40 cal. Glock semi-automatic pistol at the employee and the rest of the victims. The witnesses and victims advised that they were ordered to the ground and remained there until they saw the suspects drop the weapon, remove their ski mask and walk to the front of the store with their hands up. Approximately \$500 dollars were found on the suspects along with a cell phone that was used by one of the suspects to contact a possible third suspect or layoff person. A want/warrant check of the recovered firearm and the vehicle that an additional witness observed to be the suspect's in prior to the robbery. Both returned

stolen. The suspects were arrested for 211 P.C. Robbery and booked at Southwest Station. Good job to all of the officers involved!

Congratulations

A big congratulations to our own P-3 Irma Garcia, #32756, who just completed her tenth Los Angeles Marathon. Irma ran in the 2003 L.A. Marathon and completed the 26.2-mile run in 3 hours and 34 minutes and 23 seconds, her personal best so far. Irma finished 15th in her age group, 77th overall in the women's category and 767 overall (men and women's category). Irma is also running for the Southwest Baker to Vegas team (which will be over by the time this article is printed). Congratulations, Irma, and keep up the good work!

Ins/Outs of Southwest

Welcome to the following officers: Sgt. Caterino from HWD, P-2 Gonzalez from COMM, P-2 McKinney from DHD, P-2 Sheklow from VNY, P-2 Escamilla from WLA, P-2 Funicello from WLA, P-2 Barone from WVAL, and P-1s Ayala, Churchill, Curtin, Foster, Gonzales, Pearce, Sandate and Walker from TD.

And finally we say goodbye to the following officers: Sgt. Edwards is going down to the Harbor, Sgt. Miller went to HWD, P-2 Gutierrez and Vaca are both going to Central, P-2 Gonzalez is off to NE, P-2 McClean is heading to RAMP and P-2 Hernandez is heading to WIL. Good luck to you all. ♦

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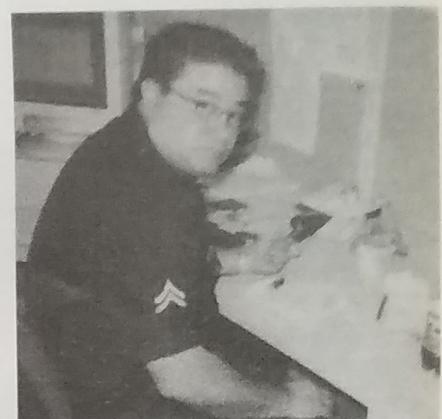
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RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Officer Horton
Recruitment Division



And finally we have P-2 officer Michelle Hamilton #30462 forking it up, she is showing no mercy.



Gotcha Phil. Yes this is the senior recruitment officer P-3 Phil Stine #31024 enjoying his cubicle C-7.



Since the situation is C-4 and this job is driving me to drink. I think I'll have a Gatorade. Here dedicated and highly motivated P-2 officer Robert Loya #33161 taking a swig during his cubicle C-7.

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

Yikes, May already...

First of all, I want to thank all of the men and women who have served in "Operation Iraqi Freedom." Their dedication to and sacrifice for their countries is highly commendable. We, as a nation, would not have the freedom that we enjoy today were it not for those willing to take up arms and fight for what is right. Hopefully by the time this goes to print (as it is only March 27th today), the Iraqi people will be free and Saddam Hussein will be no more. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of those killed in action, as well as the prisoners of war.

Harriet Moffett, the 94-year-old Reserve Officer formerly worked at West L.A. and has been raising money for the K-9 dogs for several years. She is the treasurer for the K-9s and raises \$5,000 per dog. She wanted to let everyone know that any donations made to help raise the dogs would be a tax write-off. Richard VanDorn, the vice president of See's Candy, is now the vice president in charge of the K-9s. He bought one dog and also passed out candy on special occasions for the police department. I wonder what it would take to convince him that a tour of West L.A. would be one of those special occasions, if not the MOST special. It seems to me that chocolate makes the world go 'round...just ask Det. **Randy Cordobes**, the chocolate man himself. He has been known to keep a stash or two here and there. And we do appreciate it. We also appreciate **Joan**, the Wednesday morning detectives volunteer, who faithfully brings in chocolate every week whether we need it or not. Speaking of detectives, it seems to me that their room gets better looking all the time, what with the interior decorating and all. The latest addition to the room was the addition of the Financial Crimes Unit. We just sort of wedged them in and they couldn't be



Torres, Pauley, Craig & Arredondo - patrolling the WLA desk.

be soooorrrrryy. Sincerely, Gertruda. **Det. Maria Martinez**, #27520, was mentioned in the February edition of the "Los Angeles Police Beat" as part of a group commended by the community during the month of November. She received this commendation from Ms. Christina M. Kelly, the executive director of the Lupus International Foundation. She was among those honored as a participant in the 3rd Annual Lupus Race for Life on Sunday, October 13, 2002. The LAPD tied 1st place with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department for the Distinguished Service Trophy. Maria also received a commendation from Chief **William J. Bratton** for her professionalism displayed in this effort.

Cheri Windle will be returning to the LAX Court Detail as the new P3+1. She wasn't gone long and we're glad she's back. P2 **J. Cabral** has left for 77th, S. **Johnigan** for Hollywood, and J. **Escamilla** and P. **Funicello** have gone to Southwest. P2 **J. Talavera** has arrived from VTD while T. **Trandal** has headed to West Valley. S. **Alcocer** and A. **Gilmer** have been promoted to P3s and "Chief" **Sharif** has been promoted to P3+1 and will be in 59's area. Senior Clerk Typist **Kathy Rush** will be leaving for Foothill. Good luck and congratulations. ♦



by Officer Leslie Mariscal
Central Traffic Division

Our Prayers are with You

We at CTD would like to send out our best to the servicemen in this time of war. Three of our own co-workers have gone to serve and protect this great country: Officer **P. Flog**, #32753, U.S. Coast Guard; Officer **M. Almasy**, #31030, U.S. Army; and Sgt. **J. Sands**, #26763, U.S. Navy; Officer **Sean Laule**, #35221, U.S. Navy. We wish them all a safe return.

New Baby!

Congratulations to Officer **R. Wells**, #33296, and his wife on their new addition to their family. Kaden Wells was born on March 25th at 1629 hours and weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 oz. at St. Joseph's Hospital.

MADD Awards

On March 27, 2003, MADD handed out awards for those officers with 50 or more deuce arrests: Officers **J. Camacho** (50), **L. Hernandez** (51), **J. Osegura** (58), **P. Hopkins** (66), **R. Hallenbeck** (72), **P. Vasquez** (75), **K. Van Hooser** (80), **M. Pena** (124), **R. Bonilla** (148), **M. Almasy** (151), **E. Schoop** (173), **T. Kay** (213), **J. Rios** (231), **R. Takanashi** (304), **M. Saenz** (314), **H. Colebrooke** (329). Officer **C. Guitron** ended up with the most deuce arrests at CTD with the grand total of 344! Congratulations, everyone, and thank you for all your hard work!

CTD Basketball, GO! TEAM GO!

The CTD basketball team had a good showing in the basketball playoffs but came up a little short. We now move onto the softball season. I am sure we



CTD Basketball Team 2002-2003.

will have a much bigger turnout from the CTD personnel. We all look forward for the season to begin. Special thanks to Capt. **W. Sweet**, #16154, and the CTD Station Fund Committee for supporting the CTD sports team. (Written by Michael Morales.)

A Big CTD Welcome

A big welcome to Sgt. **L. Jones**, #31059, Sgt. **P. Rodriguez**, #31016, Sgt. **D. Hwang**, #34403, and Officer **S. Laule**, #35221. We hope you enjoy your tour at CTD.

CTD's Employees of the Year Awards

Detective of the Year: Det. II **J. Mapson**, #23366, is a 21-year veteran with the Department and has worked



Detective II J. Mapson, Detective of the Year.

CTD for ten years. Mapson's traffic knowledge and use of available resources assisted her greatly throughout the year with conducting due diligence. Her investigative efforts in that area resulted in the location and apprehension of two of CTD's "Top Ten Most Wanted" suspects who were on the run for 12 and 10 years, respectively.

Sergeant of the Year: Sgt. II **K. Custard**, #27924, is a 12-year veteran with the Department and has been assigned to CTD for the past year. Custard is an effective leader who uses encouragement and positive reinforcement as a method to inspire subordinates to be productive and achieve their fullest



Sergeant II K. Custard, Sergeant of the Year.

potential. He is the type of leader whom people want to follow.

Police Officer of the Year: P.O. III **Tom Fox**, #30763, was a 22-year veteran of the LAPD Line Reserves Unit



Police Officer II Tom Fox, Police Officer of the Year.

when he retired from Pennzoil Corp. and became a full time police officer in 1994. He has been assigned to CTD for six years as a Collision Investigator Field Instructor. Fox is the CTD Reserve Coordinator and is in charge of one of the largest contingents of reserves throughout the Department. Tom projects a positive attitude no matter what the task and is continually at the forefront in all areas of productivity for the division.

Civilian Employees of the Year: Secretary **Bobbie Telles**, SCT **Bertha Flores**, and CT **Mary Gonzales** have continually been faced with personnel shortages and an ever-increasing workload. As a result of this recurring cycle,



Left to right: CT Mary Gonzales, SCT Bertha Flores and Secretary Bobbie Telles.

they have had to remain extremely flexible and employ a teamwork effort in order to keep CTD afloat in many critical areas. Their individual and teamwork effort exemplifies their dedication to this department and to CTD.

Reserve Officer of the Year: Specialist Reserve Officer **Sylvia Gurrola**, #R3018, has been assigned to CTD for a year-and-a-half. Gurrola works as a schoolteacher at the upstart school in El Sereno, which is a school for specialty students. She has been a teacher for 26 years. Gurrola has volunteered for every special detail that CTD deploys. She is an asset to CTD with her countless hours donated to the Department and the community we serve.

Many thanks for all your hard work over the last year. It has not gone unnoticed.

Central Traffic Community and Safety Unit

Central Traffic Division's 8th Annual Cops for Tots Car Show is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2003, at the historic Elysian Park Police Academy! Each year dozens of CTD officers volunteer their time and effort for the love of the children. All proceeds attained assist the children at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, along with other children's charities. The first seven shows have raised over \$125,000! This is a true family event, with free admission and parking! Come see hundreds of classic autos, motorcycles, bicycles and displays of police equipment, including a helicopter and SWAT! There is enough to look at to make it an all-day affair. There are over 50 trophies given out for participants. Additionally, there will be terrific barbecued food, music, swimming, vendors and more. Show hours will be 0700-1500 hours. Don't miss this fantastic show and opportunity to assist the children in need. If you want to enter a vehicle, be a vendor, or just have questions,

call (213) 236-9254.

Scared Straight

Officers **M. Garcia**, #31984, and **M. Sanders**, #32403, of the Central Traffic Community and Safety Unit, have taken on the project of conducting assemblies at our L.A. high schools to help deter students from drinking and driving. As school proms and graduations get nearer, the likelihood of teenagers drinking and driving increases. In addition to showing the CHP video "Red Asphalt 3," which depicts live footage of the aftermath of gruesome traffic collisions as well as fatalities, these officers also take vehicles that have been involved in massive traffic collisions. If we can save at least one life, it's worth it.

Another Senseless Death

On 2/19/03, at 1700 hours, Officer **M. Morales**, #30248, assisted by Officers **A. Villegas**, #32996, **P. Hopkins**, #34097, **C. Flores**, #33985, and **F. Celis**, #25086, responded to an ambulance traffic at 1st Street and Soto. Upon arrival, they observed the aftermath of a two-vehicle t/c and were pointed in the direction of P-1 by witnesses. As Morales approached P-1 sitting on the curb, Morales smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from P-1's breath, as well as other objective symptoms of intoxication. Prior to the collision, witnesses observed V-1 traveling northbound at a high rate of speed, drive through a red tri-light and drive left of double yellow lines while under the influence. P-1 collided into a pedestrian crossing the street in the crosswalk, landing on V-1. V-1 then collided with another vehicle sending the pedestrian 141 feet northbound onto the roadway. The officers learned that P-1 was arrested for 23153(a) VC (Felony DUI). Unfortunately, the pedestrian succumbed to her injuries and P-1 was re-arrested for 187(a) PC. Morales and Villegas had gained additional information that they possibly had another victim involved. With further investigation, they were able to obtain the other victim's information. Due to a thorough and diligent investigation by Officer Morales, Det. **J. Meneses** was able to get a filing for 187(a) PC (Murder). ♦

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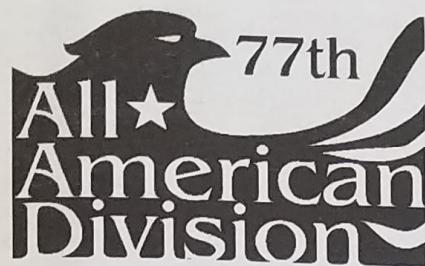
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria Marquez
77th Street Division

Old Glory Rules

On March 22, 77th Street officers deployed at the Oscars as part of the Mobile Field Force. During the event, some of the protesters on the war chose to attract attention to themselves by disrespecting our flag. As members of the "All American Division," this behavior was not acceptable! In an attempt to educate these protesters, the party became a little too much for some of the players, as documented on the front page of *The Los Angeles Times* the following day. Nice job! How does that 77th fight song go? "We want some mo, we want some mo!"

When Not at War, This is What he Wore



Sgt. Ron Baeza, Antonio Ramirez, Hector Chairez, Sgt. Jon Mays, Rueben Martinez, Sgt. Darnell Davenport.

I Am Looking for the Devil

Imagine someone walking down the hall by the Watch Commander's office, who was looking all crazy. When



stopped and questioned by SLO Tim Wunderlich and Sgt. Mike Flanagan what he was doing, he quickly stated: "I am looking for the devil!"

Did he really think he would find one in that office? (Don't make me laugh!) As it turns out, the guy was on PCP, detained without incident and wanted for murder in the city of Gardena. Needless

to say, we have had to beef up our security sweeps at the station. We have re-assigned two of our serious O.G.s for this hazardous detail. We are pleased to introduce you to "super Long John Silver man and his partner, Jon Claude Van de Camp."

Athlete of the Month

77th is proud to announce that this month we have a probationer as being the Athlete of the Month. Officer Rasheed Saafir (six months) has already made an impact athletically in not only his police officers duties, but on the football field for the L.A. Centurion football team. He is a starting safety with one touchdown under his belt. Saafir played football for Fresno State as a linebacker and it is a good thing he likes to run, because his current training officer, Tom Redshaw, has a passion for recovering guns and leads the division in those types of arrests. Needless to say, a man with a gun, chances are you're gonna have to run. Congratulations, Boot!

The Bikes are Back

77th has redeployed our bike unit in an attempt to address some of the special problems within our division. Led by Sgt. Darnell Davenport, the unit also has the leadership of P-3 Mike Martinez and hard-charging P-2s Everdo Amaral, Jesse West, Brett Hayhoe, Abel Estopin, Alvaro Navarro, Ed Tsai and Clint Dohmen. We expect great things from this unit in regards to crime suppression. And I am working on that uniform picture for an upcoming issue. Shorts and all!

She is Mother Earth

She gave you life, she wiped your tears, she eased your fears. She is your mother, and so on May 11th, it is your turn to show her just how much you



Baby Edward A. Rodriguez, 12-24-02. Daddy Andrew Rodriguez, Mommy Elise Rodriguez.

appreciate all that she has done for you. Seems baby Edward started off giving his mommy special gifts by being born on Christmas Eve (12/24/02). Looks like you two have quite the charmer!

Well that is it for now. Take care, guys, and continue to say a prayer for those other soldiers fighting our war in another country. Stay safe! ♦



by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

Devonshire Goes to War

When a Los Angeles police officer puts on the uniform and hits the streets, they are performing a duty that has to be one of the most dangerous in the world. If that weren't dangerous enough, some of our brother and sister officers also happen to be reserve soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. The United States



is currently at war and the call went out for some of our officers to leave their families to fight for their country. Our own Officer Mike Watson is one of those brother officers called to go to war. Mike is a United States Marine. Aside from being a person of great character, a family man, and a dedicated Los Angeles police officer, he is a sergeant with Alpha Company, 4th Light Armour Reconnaissance. In the accompanying picture, we see Officer Mike Watson standing on the left next to his fellow Marine, also an LAPD officer, Evan Guevarra from Transit Rail Division. The picture was taken in March, 2003, at Camp Coyote in Kuwait. By the time you read this, Mike will be in Iraq in the heat of battle. Our prayers go out to Mike, his fellow Marine, Evan Guevarra, and Mike's wife, Carrie Watson. Mrs. Watson supplied the picture and is an extremely brave military and police wife in that she keeps the home front going in such trying times.

If this article gets to you, Mike, I want you to know this: throughout the country there are people rallying and making their voices heard that they fully support the troops and the great and noble cause you are involved in. Believe it or not, even at anti-war protests, there are individuals that are carrying signs saying that they support the troops. Be safe and remember your tactics. Devonshire Division is waiting for your safe return.

Here at Devonshire, we have other brave individuals that are in a far off land doing their duties in the military. You, too, are not forgotten. Due to the nature of some of their specialized assignments and because I have not received permission from their families, it is not reasonable that I mention their names nor the specific units they are in. Keep in mind that all of our Devonshire officers on military assignment are not forgotten. May God bless all of you.

Speaking of Living Dangerously

Officer Michael Braun currently

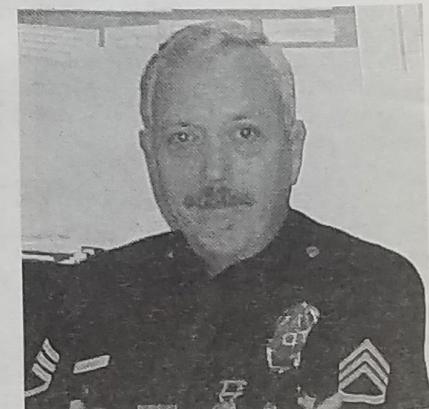
holds the title of being the fastest man in Devonshire, on skis. This speed demon has more time on skis than he does in his boots. In February, 2003, Mike competed in the International Police Winter Games where he won a silver and bronze medal in the open/expert group. In early March, 2003, Mike competed in Colorado at the North American Police Ski Championships. Here he won 1st place overall in the expert/open group



and racked up an incredible four gold medals and one silver. If that weren't enough, in mid March, 2003, Mike competed in the California Fire/Police Olympics at Mammoth mountain. He won 1st place in every race in the expert open category. He also won 1st place overall skier and the fastest skier award. In the picture, we see Mike screaming down the mountain to a victory of 1st place in the slalom run. By the way, he is wearing the same outfit that he wore when he interviewed for the position of Senior Lead Officer at Devonshire. The supervisors must have been either extremely impressed or thought he was nuts, because Mike is now our newest PIII+I. Congratulations on your skiing victories and your promotion.

Our Own, the Man of the Hour, Clancy Maihori

When people think of what a typical police officer looks like from the Adam-12 days, no other person comes to mind than one of the greatest sergeants this Department has ever known, Sgt. Clancy Maihori. With over 26 years of dedicated service on the LAPD, Clancy is the man who many people turn to for expert advice. Clancy has a sense of humor that is, well, unique to Clancy. As the current Training Unit OIC, Clancy gives informative classes to other sergeants during supervisor meetings. He can take a boring subject and make it



Clancy Maihori

interesting and funny. Clancy is a wonderful person to work for and with. His knowledge is of the highest caliber and is the reason that he recently was promoted to the rank of Sergeant II. Devonshire is privileged to have Clancy as its newest assistant watch commander. Pictured below is Clancy giving his serious "yeah, that's right, I look good in uniform" look. ♦

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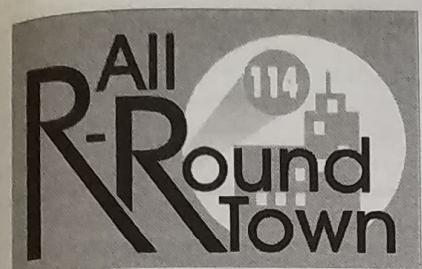
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by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings. This month we pause on the last Monday to pay homage to and reflect deeply upon those who gave their utmost to ensure our most cherished privileges prevail in the land of the free. God bless America's bravest and God speed their return from duty in Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Welcome Back

Congratulations on his miraculous recovery and welcome back to **Bruce Hunt** (D). Bruce is back on light duty status and still amazing the physicians. Also returning to duty are **Roger Blackwell** (30D), **Steve Weaver**, **Jim Gastelo** and the **Jeff-ster Tepich**. Speaking of D team, this year's annual SWAT dinner was held in February at the Academia. Guest speaker was our newly appointed Chief of Police, **William Bratton**. Capturing top honors this year for SWAT Officer of the Year and Sniper of the Year were **Jimmy Veenstra** and **Neil Coward**, respectively. Get well wishes to **Clyde Conly** (50D), **Kenny Thatcher III**, **Eddie Perez**, **Keith Berthonneau**, **Jimmy Veenstra** and **Keith Bacon**.

Congratulations to Steve and MaryGrace Weaver on the birth of their son, Steven Robert. Steven made his grand debut on December 16, 2002, weighing in at 5 lbs., 15 ounces, 19 inches long.

Ticks Just Like a Timex

Much congratulations to Day Watch AWC **Arturo Aguilar**. Art maintains his standing on the department's top ten seniority list with his milestone 40th anniversary on the 29th of last month. An Army Veteran, Arthur presently is the longest standing Metro Man approaching his 34th year calling 114 home.

To our guys overseas maintaining the front line and in harm's way, thank you and hurry home. We'll continue to keep you and your families in our thoughts and prayers.

From the Front Lines

Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom

West Valley Officer Awarded the Bronze Star Medal

Officer **Chad Lewis**, P3, assigned to West Valley patrol and a member of the Air Force Reserve, was called to active duty on September 21, 2001, in support of Operation Noble Eagle. The Technical Sergeant from the 56th Security Forces Squadron was assigned to Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. In March, 2002, Sgt. Lewis was deployed to a classified location in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Sgt. Lewis was attached to the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade, 187th Infantry Regiment "Rakkasans" Task Force 1-187 IN. He was quickly re-deployed to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Lewis' many duties included the daily security posture of 21 security force personnel and securing assets in

excess of \$300 million. His duties and responsibilities included those normally designated to field grade officers. Despite severe manning, equipment and vehicle shortages, Sgt. Lewis implemented textbook air base defense deployment of United States and coalition assets and personnel. As the initial coalition forces deployed to the region, the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, 455th Expeditionary Group were responsible for building defensive fighting positions and protecting the Ammunition Holding Area. The zone contained all the munitions utilized by United States and coalition forces to fight the war. After an engagement between Northern Alliance and suspected Taliban/Al-Qaida forces, Sgt. Lewis established a blocking force and, without consideration for his personal safety,

Bagram Valley contained over 300,000 land mines.

On March 17, 2003, USAF Colonel Phil Breedlove awarded the Bronze Star Medal to Sgt. Lewis for his unflinching contribution to our nation's resolve to combat terrorism. Colonel Breedlove, 56th Fighter Winger commander indicated he had awarded the medal on three previous occasions and thanked Sgt. Lewis for his voluntary service to his country. A Gulf War Veteran, Sgt. Lewis was also chosen as the 56th Security

Forces Squadron's Individual Mobilization Augmentee of the Year (2002) for his contributions to Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Upon accepting the award, Sgt. Lewis acknowledged his endeavors were part of his mission and what he was trained to do. He added the award reflects the commitment of his entire team and their accomplishments in combat. The awards ceremony marked the conclusion of Sgt. Lewis' 18-month recall.

Until next time, R-10 girl, clear. ♦



advanced through a mine field to investigate a possible mortar position less than 300 meters from the base perimeter. Upon reaching the suspected location, Sgt. Lewis discovered multiple devices that could have been used as makeshift mortar and rocket launchers. As a direct result of his actions, the establishment of several Northern Alliance checkpoints around the base and a significant reduction in airfield encounters followed.

While assigned as Team Leader on the scouting patrol, Sgt. Lewis' team discovered a 20mm anti-aircraft weapon and a camouflaged bunker established in a mountainside 22 kilometers northeast of Bagram Air Field. As Sgt. Lewis quickly directed his 60 gunner to cover the target, it was immediately revealed that there were six enemy personnel inside the bunker, at which time three attempted to reach the 20mm anti-aircraft weapon approximately 50 meters from the bunker as the others attempted to take positions of cover. Sgt. Lewis' swift direction of his team to positions of advantage, resulted in the suspected Taliban/Al-Qaida forces being taken into custody permitting continuance of safe air space for coalition aircraft.

It was estimated the mine fields in

11 Northeast corner

by Susan Loera

This is an "End of Watch" broadcast, for Senior Lead Officer **Stacy Miyamura** Serial #24348, her last assignment Northeast Area.

Stacy started serving this Department as an explorer and reserve officer at Wilshire Division. She began her sworn career on November 14, 1983, she completed her probation at Hollywood Division. Stacy transferred to Northeast Division where she was assigned patrol, Special Problems Unit, training officer and promoted to Senior Lead Officer. Stacy was chosen by Assemblyman Bustamante to sit on the California Council of Criminal Justice. Stacy was the only sworn personnel to sit on this board.



Senior Lead Officer Stacy Miyamura lost her battle to cancer on March 18, 2003 at approximately 0503 hours. Stacy will be greatly missed by her family, this Department, loved ones and the community she served. God bless you Stacy, you will never be forgotten. ♦

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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

One of the "problems" penning these pearls of wisdom is the time lag between our press deadline and when *The Thin Blue Line* actually reaches readers' mailboxes. Not criticizing the Protective League or the people who edit and produce this newspaper, it's just a fact of life we can't do much about. So here it is, the end of March, and we're writing something our readers will digest at the beginning of May. The Baker to Vegas Relay for you is over and the results ancient history, but at our deadline it is still 12 days off and the War in Iraq is only a week old.

I mention this because, in this evening's e-mail there was a message from Tom Biggers, captain of the NYPD Running Club, regretfully announcing the N'Yawkers have to pull out of the race. This was preceded two days earlier by the Metro Red Team's short-lived decision (since reversed) also to pull out. These squads, and we're sure most of the others from higher-profile agencies, are faced with the loss of many top runners due to the military call up for the War in Iraq and agency-wide tactical alerts for Homeland Security.

While individual agencies have faced local issues that affected their ability to participate in the Baker to Vegas Relay this is the first time global issues have had such a "global" impact. A few months back it looked like a record year for entries. Now, by all guesses, no more than 200 teams will answer the starter's pistol.

What's going to happen in the four weeks (or more) until this missive reaches our readers is anybody's guess, but from this side of the page we can only hope that whatever happens brings a successful race, and a quick and just end to the conflict with our men and women back home safe and sound.

Last Call for 25th Annual Memorial Relay, Sat., May 3

Readers with the speediest of mail service still have the opportunity to participate in the 25th Annual Memorial Run and Relay, scheduled for Saturday, May 3, at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey. Late registration will be available on race morning from 0700-0800 at the cost of \$25 for the one-mile walk/fun run, \$35 for the three-mile run, and \$175 per team of five runners for the relay.

The day gets underway at 0815 with the fun run followed at 0845 with the three-mile and 0945 with the 15-mile team relay. At approximately 0915 the traditional memorial service will be held featuring the LAPD Color Guard, comments from department brass, an inspirational message, playing of taps, the lone bagpiper and (weather permitting) a lost-man formation fly-over by Air Support.

With the current world situation the reasons to participate are much more obvious. Help us honor the memory of the heroes who gave their lives . . . and celebrate the heroes who remain. For more information call (323) 221-5222 ext. 218.

Slo-Pitch Season Now Underway

At our press deadline 19 teams had signed up to compete in 2003 intradepartmental slo-pitch action with Metro hoping to become the first team since the dominant Rampart squads of the mid-90s to threepeat as LAPD champions. (By the way, Metro is also undefeated the last two years!)

Play was scheduled to get underway in mid-April with a two-month-long season capped in mid-June by the Red Davis Tournament. Looking to field teams in three leagues (Central, South and Valley) are Central (coached by Richard Flores), Devonshire (Tim Moss), Foothill (Julian Almaraz), Harbor (Dan Ornelas), Hollenbeck (Martin Williams), Hollywood (Floyd Toledo),

Metro (Jim Quinlan), Newton (Todd Bogart), North Hollywood (Michael Snowden), Pacific (Jerry Bautista), Rampart (Nate Baez), Risk Management (Joe Taloso), 77th Street (Jeff von Lutzow), Southeast (Nick Millazzo), South Traffic (Sgt. Anderson), Valley Traffic (Robert Hamilton), Van Nuys (Randy Hoffmaster), West L.A. (Frank Del Parro) and West Valley (Tony Valladez).

For up-to-date game schedules or results, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222 ext. 800.

Speaking About Bases and Balls ...

The 2003 Major League season is now underway across Academy Road and, once again, LAPRAAC has a limited number of Reserved Level seats for selected Dodgers home games. Locations vary for each game but are always between third and first base. Ducats are \$17 on a first come, first served basis, and are available at the LAPRAAC Administrative Office at the Elysian Park Academy.

Games in May and June (Sunday start 1:10 pm, others 7:10 pm unless noted):

Fri-Sun, May 2-4 - Pittsburgh Pirates; Tues, May 13 - Atlanta Braves; Fri & Sun, May 16 & 18 - Florida Marlins; Tues-Thurs, May 20-22 - Colorado Rockies (12:10 pm on 5/22).

Sun, June 1 - Milwaukee Brewers; Thurs, June 5 - Kansas City Royals; Fri-Sun, June 6-8 - Chicago White Sox; Tues-Thurs, June 17-19 - San Francisco Giants; Fri & Sun, June 20 & 22 - Anaheim Angels.

For more information call (323) 221-5222 ext. 202.

And Speaking About Tickets ...

When economic times are tough every dollar saved helps. LAPRAAC has a

supply of deeply discounted tickets to local area amusement parks and movie theaters that will help keep more Georges, Abes, Alexs and Andys in your wallet. These include AMC Theatres, California Adventure and Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Legoland, Magic Mountain, Medieval Times, Regal Cinemas, San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park, Sea World, Universal Studios, Wild Bills and many more.

Tickets are available at the LAPRAAC Office at the Elysian Park Academy.

Guaranteed Not to Generate "Spam" ...

Want to check out Sports Beat but don't have a *Thin Blue Line* handy? Many stories and pictures are posted on the LAPRAAC website - www.lapraac.com/sportsbeat. Articles are posted a few days before the start of the new month.

We Welcome Your Articles ...

Submitting articles for Sports Beat is the best way to make sure your team's upcoming events and stellar exploits are seen by a wide range of active and retired department personnel. If you're planning an event, or have one coming up, submit an article about two months in advance for pre-event publicity.

To be included in Sports Beat we must receive articles—via fax or e-mail—no less than three days before the end of current month. Articles received by May 28 will appear in the July issue, June 27 for August, July 28 for September, etc.

E-mail articles to LAPDSportsBeat@aol.com or fax to (818) 957-4275. Even if you only send notes with a contact name/phone we can create an article to get the word out. Photos are welcome—low-res jpeg images (scans) are preferred via e-mail (or indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you). ♦

California, World Games Coming Soon

Two of the most prestigious law enforcement athletic events are just around the corner—the California Police and Fire Games in mid-June and the World Police and Fire Games in late July. Scores of LAPD athletes, with assistance from LAPRAAC, are making plans to compete at both events.

What was originally called the California Police Olympics was founded in 1966 by San Diego PD's Duke Nyhus and LAPD Athletic Director Bob Burke. This year Sacramento is expecting more than 6,000 peace officers, fire fighters and their families to the California Games on June 13-21, with the event now open to competitors from four neighboring states (Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Utah). Hosting the games are the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association, and Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522.

More than 60 different events are scheduled, running the spectrum from archery to pistol, bowling to wrestling, billiards to triathlon, and just about everything in-between. Two new sports this year are the "ultimate firefighter," a four-stage event similar to the TCA competition, and "western-style shooting" which requires participants to use traditional firearms and dress the part.

For more information on the California Police and Fire Games visit www.cpaf.org or www.cpfgames2003.com.

Those looking to avoid the "tule fog" along Interstate 5 have set their sights on the World Police and Fire Games, scheduled July 27-August 3 in exotic Barcelona, Spain. Thousands of law enforcement athletes from around the globe will gather to compete in over 60 different sporting events plus cultural events like ballroom dancing, fiction writing, film making, writing, painting, photography, poetry and songwriting. In addition there will be numerous seminars, exhibitions, symposiums and other programs to enhance networking and camaraderie.

The World Police and Fire Games were created in 1985 by the California Police Athletic Federation and are held in odd-numbered years. Indianapolis, IN, hosted the 2001 games and Quebec, Canada is slated to host the 2005 competition. Event coordinators are taking extra precautions due to the world situation and are confident that security measures will make for an uneventful eight days. No matter what, they promise, the games will go on as scheduled.

For more information on the World Police and Fire Games visit www.2003wpfg.org or www.cpaf.org.

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The LAPD Golf Club

by Fred Cueto



On March 28th, the LAPD Golf Club held its second tournament of the year at



Individual Winners: A-Flight: Steve Estrada (Southeast) and B-Flight: Chris Smythe (WTD).

the La Mirada Golf Course. Although the drive down there was something to be desired, the course was great, and we had an excellent turnout!

The winners included: Team A-Flight – Air Support Division (Gerry Camporredondo, Lew Peake, Glenn Plahy and Wayne Otis); Team B-Flight – Foothill Detectives (Richard Stocks, Chuck Lenane, Frank Bishop and Dave Escoto); Individual A-Flight – (Net 67) Steve Estrada, Southeast Division; Individual B-Flight – (Net 67)



Winning Team, A-Flight: Air Support Division.

Chris Smythe, WTD; Closest to the Pin - #3 Chris Smythe (WTD), #5 Jeff Hart (Dev Vice), #13 Gary Beecher (S/W) and #17 Glenn Plahy (Air Support). The Long Drive Winner was Rick Gonzalez (Pacific).

Our next tournament is in May. We are looking at Brookside G.C. Watch for details in the near future!

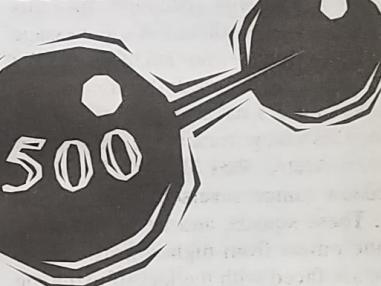
March Madness

They may not be able to hit a Hot



Captain I John Sherman and Captain III Joseph Curreri join Team Devonshire, after they won the C-Division Inter-Department Championship. The winning team included: P-2 Phil Ruiz, P-1 Wayne Edwards, Sergeant Jeff Stahl (Coach/Captain), P-2 Pat Rimkus, P-2 Scott Nunez and P-1 Merrill Dunn.

Championship! Great job, guys!
And for the record...I can't hit that driver either!!



Spring Bench Press Contest Set May 16

Baring unforeseen global situations the first bench press contest of 2003 will take place Friday, May 16, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. We know that for certain. What is unknown is whether 77th Street will be able to keep its unbeaten streak alive for an amazing 15th straight victory.

The Power Pigs started their winning string back in May, 1996, and have had only one close shave since. Teams coached by Paul von Lutzow (including Rampart) have won 19 of the last 20 events over a ten-year period. So the question is: Is there someone out there, other than the 101st Airborne Division, that can give the oinkers a run for their money?

Applications are available at weigh-in on Thursday, May 15, or by calling (323) 221-5222 ext. 219. Three locations will be used for weigh-ins: Devonshire (second trailer in parking lot) 0900-1300,

77th Street (weight room) 0800-1300, or the Academy Gym (stage) 0800-1500. Team rosters (3-40 lifters from the same unit) must be turned in before end of the day—no changes can be made after 1500 and no late registrations are allowed. Lifters must be full-time sworn officers and team members must be assigned to that unit as of the day of the contest. All participants (except retirees) must be dues-current LAPRAAC members. Cost is \$20 per lifter.

See the flyer and application elsewhere in Sports Beat for more information or call Athletic Director Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222 ext. 219.

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SPORTS BEAT

Metro Red, Women Seek to Repeat Success at Baker to Vegas Relay

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

In a few short days athletes from around the world will mix sweat with sand at the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, a grueling 120-mile duel in the desert sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club. Over the April 12-13 weekend nearly 10,000 runners, support personnel, volunteers and spectators will descend upon the Mojave Desert hamlets of Baker and Shoshone, picturesque Pahrump and glorious Las Vegas in the 19th running of the largest law enforcement athletic event in the world.

LAPD's Metro Division Red Team, winner of the 2001 and 2002 events and four of the last five races, is looking to tie LASO's Central Jail (CJ) for the record of five Baker to Vegas victories. "All last year's runners have returned and we've been training hard," said Team Captain **Joe McWilliams**. "Our goal is a sub 13 (hour) race." Trying to break the winning streak is a six-pack of strong teams – the LASO's Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) and CJ squads, FBI Los Angeles office, San Diego PD, New York PD Running Club and Orange County Sheriffs.

Metro runners have a big incentive this year – they're competing to support **Charly Ann Daniels**, daughter of long-time team member **Ronnie Daniels**, who has been stricken with Cystic Fibrosis. "We're asking all participants, runners and volunteers alike, to buy a special CF bracelet to support the fight against the disease," said **McWilliams**. "Information has gone out to all teams and we're hoping to raise a significant amount. We want to do the right thing for Ronnie and his family, and help raise awareness of Cystic Fibrosis."

SEB and CJ, last year's bridesmaids, have been furiously working towards an upset. Best shot is given to SEB—which led the 2002 race until halfway through the last leg. "We've got the same game plan and same runners (as last year)," said Team Captain **Jeff Riggen**. "Gonna put our 20 best out there and see what happens." Last year Sheriff **Lee Baca**, their leg 20 runner, fell victim to heat exhaustion and barely made it over the

finish line before collapsing like a wet rag. "I've run with him dozens of times and he's a great runner—it was just a quirk of fate," Riggen explained. "The Sheriff's a great competitor and he's ready to run this year if we need him."

CJ, which dominated the race in the mid-'90s, is back with a passion. "Our guys are more enthusiastic this time around, probably because we did so well last year," said Team Captain **Tim Dlugos**. "We've got a veteran group of runners who are highly motivated. With a couple of breaks the race could go our way."

Returning for the second year is the New York Police Running Club, a squad of elite runners representing the Big Apple's finest. They made strong showing in 2002's race, running to honor all the law enforcement, military and civilian personnel who gave their lives on the fateful morning of September 11, and on the battlefields in Afghanistan. The other members of the six-pack have consistently been in the top rung of finishers the last few races and, with the right circumstances, also have the potential of denying Metro the victory.

Of the 215 teams committed to face the starter's gun a record 11 are all-female squads. They're seeking to topple the LAPD Women who have lost only once in years they have fielded a team, and are undefeated since 1995. "The gals are putting in a lot of extra time preparing for the race," said Team Captain Sherri Egan, "and we're training this year with **Pat Connelley** to get an extra boost." Her team of committed "regulars" is encouraged by the extra competition this year. **Many females** feel "part" of an all-women team because it's a more cohesive, goal centered group with a different type of camaraderie than a mixed squad. There's also a strong desire out there to beat LAPD. But if we (the LAPD women) want it bad enough we'll win it."

There will be a new champion in the Mixed Category this time out since four-time winner Stockton PD is not fielding a team. SEB is looking for its 11th straight 800 Category win (combined age of all runners exceeds 800 years) and Fremont PD is seeking a fifth straight 300 Category win (agencies with 300 or less sworn personnel.)

'02 BAKER TO VEGAS RELAY WINNERS

Open – LAPD Metro Red Team 13:12:47 (repeat)
Women – LAPD 15:50:39 (repeat)
Mixed – Stockton Area Police Departments 14:12:14 (4th straight)
Stations – LASO East Los Angeles Station 14:16:01 (repeat)
Invitational – Los Angeles County Lifeguards 14:47:50 (repeat)
Inv. Mixed – Los Angeles County District Attorneys 15:42:51 (repeat)
800 – LASO Special Enforcement Bureau 13:19:20 (10th straight)
1000 (301-1000 sworn) – FBI Los Angeles Bureau 13:30:02
300 (151-300) – Fremont Police Dept. 14:57:26 (4th straight)
150 (100-150) – Orem UT Dept. Public Safety 14:59:11 (record)
99 (99 or less) – Tustin Police Department 17:19:35
Guest – New York City Police Department 13:47:20

The first group of competitors (race consists of 20 stages of varying lengths) take off at 1400 hours from a spot 20 miles north of beautiful downtown Baker, with additional flights at 1530, 1700, 1830 (the fastest teams) and 1930. They follow a 120-mile route through flat desert sands, undulating hills, steep mountain ranges and rolling pastures along Hwy. 127 to Shoshone (five buildings and a gas station) and up Hwy. 178 (372 across the Nevada state line) to Pahrump. A hard right turn onto Hwy. 160 and grueling climb to nearly 5,500 ft. at Mountain Springs Summit challenges the best of runners before reaching the finish line at the Silverton Hotel (just off I-15 at the southern tip of Las Vegas). The overall fastest team is expected to cross the finish line between 0715 and 0745 on Sunday morning, April 13.

Climax of the two-day event, also featuring a Law Enforcement Expo at the Las Vegas Hilton, is the gala awards ceremony Sunday night (also at the Hilton). Golden-throated KFWB News reporter Pete Demetriou, a long-time LAPD supporter and Baker to Vegas volunteer,

will emcee the event and former Laker star Norm Nixon is one of the many celebrities scheduled to appear. Presentation of awards is followed by an all-night blast in the Main Ballroom from 2100 until 0200. The party will feature food, drink, live DJ, dancing and fun. A limited number of \$15 pre-sale tickets are available through the LAPRAAC Administrative Office (Elysian Park Academy) or by calling (323) 221-5222 ext. 202. Don't procrastinate – although cost at the door is \$20 there's no guarantee any tickets will still be available.

Official Baker to Vegas Relay merchandise, including t-shirts, jackets, caps, coffee mugs and sweatshirts, is available at the Elysian Park Academy Store or online at www.bakervegas.com/store.

Due to press deadlines we'll have full coverage of the 2003 race, including official times and loads of photographs, in the June edition of *The Thin Blue Line*. For up-to-the-minute race information call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222 ext. 800 or visit the race website at www.bakervegas.com. ♦

Parker Center Regains LAPD Basketball Title After Four Year Dry Spell

by A.J. Kirby and Lew Snow

Troy Abordo, Steve Castro, Art Espino, Tim Gipson, Deon Montgomery, Greg Montgomery and Carl Worrell.

Over in the "B" League tournament Metro, another dethroned powerhouse, also returned to glory with a hard-fought 50-46 win over Hollenbeck for the title. Coach **Ed Mahaffey**'s team was unsupplied in post-season play and has won seven of the last nine "B" League tournaments. Last year's winner, Harbor, was knocked out early in tourney action.

Devonshire (coached by **Scott Nuñez**) sailed through the "C" League tournament undefeated, dominating Southeast 42-22 to take the championship. Pacific, last year's winner, was also knocked out in early action.

The "D" League tournament saw Coach **Rudy de la Puente** lead CIID (Critical Incident Investigation Division) to its first title ever, toppling Central Traffic, 39-20, in the final game. ♦

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May 31, 2003 (Saturday DP 5*)
Championship Game
(Location to be announced)

* With this schedule we are playing two games each in Deployment Periods 3, 4, and 5. There will be one travel game per DP (Dallas, B2V and Championship, depending on location) so please plan accordingly.

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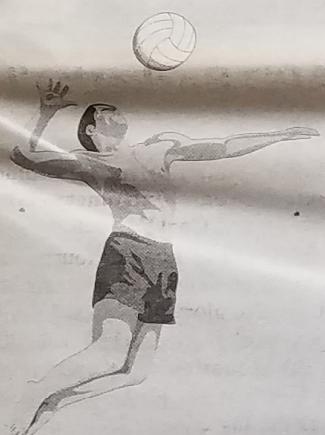
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Volleyball Team Seeks New Members



The LAPD Volleyball Team is currently recruiting new members for its upcoming season. Individuals with high school, club or college experience are preferred but all comers will be given a "look-see".

Those making the team will compete in the indoor six-person and two-person beach tournaments at the California Police and Fire Games (in Sacramento), Las Vegas Police and Fire Games, and the World Police and Fire Games (Barcelona, Spain).

Practices started in late March but interested department members are always welcome to try-out for the team. For further information contact Andy Smith at (310) 202-2858 or e-mail 24493@lapd.lacity.org. ♦

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"True Officer of the Court" Anita Ortega Featured in Los Angeles Times Article

LAPD basketball legend Anita Ortega, who serves as an NCAA referee during her "free" time, was the subject of a feature by reporter Eric Sondheimer in the March 22 *Los Angeles Times*. The article, titled "In Either Role She's a True Officer of the Court", focused on the role athletics has played in Anita's life, while growing up in South Central L.A.; as a professional player, coach and official; and as patrol captain at Hollenbeck.

"Anita Ortega will be among the officials working the NCAA women's basketball Midwest Regionals . . . on the heels of prime assignments in the Pac 10 and WAC championships," Sondheimer wrote. "The pressure of an NCAA tournament is nothing compared to the challenges she faces as one of the highest-ranking female members of [LAPD], where her communication and leadership skills are continually tested."

"There is a close assimilation between athletics and law enforcement," Ortega told Sondheimer. ". . . you have to deal with stress and pressures. You have to be able to bring control to chaos and have certain qualities—discipline, courage and integrity. All those things I acquired from athletics as well as my parents."

Ortega was a four-year starter for the UCLA Bruins women's team and lead-

ing scorer in the 1976 national championship game against Maryland. She spent two years as an all-star player in a non-defunct women's professional league and another due as an assistant coach at her alma mater before settling on a law enforcement career in 1984. "It was something I always wanted to pursue," she told the *Times*, "but was sidetracked somewhat by sports."

"Once she made the decision to leave coaching, law enforcement became an easy option," Sondheimer wrote. "Many of the qualities she developed in athletics transferred to work as a police officer. And the skills she uses each day as an officer help her as an official."

"I don't experience the pressure involved with officiating as much as other officials because for me it's a release," Ortega explains in the article. "It takes a lot to get me riled up on the court. I don't call that many technicals. I think it's so important to communicate."

Ortega has played on numerous department teams during her 19 years in uniform. She also participated in the Pan American Games as a player on the Puerto Rican basketball team. Anita was honored as "Athlete of the Year" at the 1994 Sports Awards Dinner and inducted into the LAPRAAC Hall of Fame in 1998. ♦

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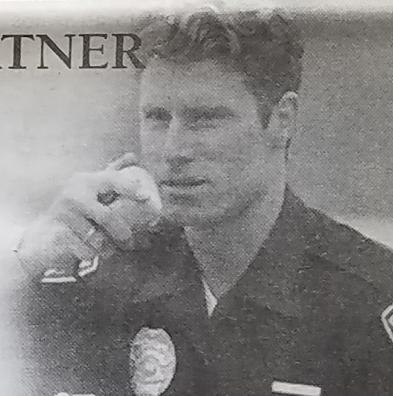
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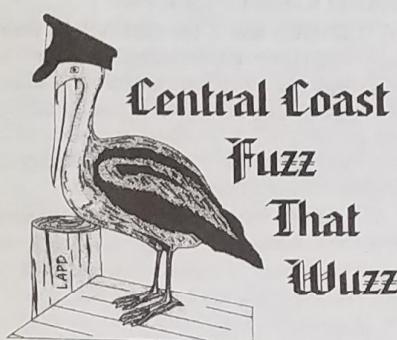
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RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Dave Aikins

A big spring time hello from all of us on the Central Coast. The rolling hills are still green and hopefully with a little more rain they will not turn brown too quickly. The drive up or down Highway 101 between Ventura and Pismo Beach is one of the most beautiful in the state of California. A diversion onto Highway 1 from San Luis Obispo, via Morro Bay to Cambria and San Simeon is an added treat that should not be overlooked.

The Fuzz Gang got together for a great luncheon last March 20th at the Inn at Morro Bay in that beautiful beach community. Last year we had just under 70 people in attendance; however, this year we were overwhelmed with responses. We ended up with 93 of our faithful followers, family and friends. It was truly a wonderful time for LAPD camaraderie and friendship. **Paul & Stella Mattson**, along with **Judy Aikins**, did their magic to make the

event a memorable one. The food was excellent and **Gerd Konieczny** gave his stamp of approval on the desert table. So we knew we were on a roll.

Our guest speakers, **Cindy Cebulak** and **Deanna Wallace** from the LAPFCU (our Credit Union) gave an excellent presentation regarding its services and some helpful hints on identity theft and recent security issues. We were glad that they were able to join us. Thanks, **Stella**, for your follow-up there.

We prayed for our Armed Forces and national leaders as well as our dedicated first responders (police, fire and emergency medical personnel) throughout this country. We all owe them a great deal for the freedom that we all too often take for granted.

Special guests and friends included **Gerry Abbott**, **Dave Crockett**, **Ken Francik**, **John Hurst**, **Carl & Maxine Ingles**, **Rita Knect**, **Peggy York**, **Helen Sisher**, **Stan & Pam Liechty**, **Mitzi Wendler**, **Jim & Judy Monaghan**, **Bob & Robin Stemples**, **Marilyn Powers** (Bill Selesky's sister) and **Bruno & Ellen Tonin**.

A special thanks to **Rich Gingras**, **Corinne Jefferson** and **Don Mathews** who could not attend but sent in donations. Their support was greatly appreciated.

Fred Tuggey and **Brian Galbraith** strutted their stuff with a new Fuzz That Wuzz pullover golf shirt. We are looking into making these available soon. **Aileen Rackerby** entertained us with some cur-

rent stories that were very funny and topical. The weather cooperated, as usual, and it turned out to be a great event for all of us.

Our next production will be our summer BBQ at Lake Pavilion in Atascadero on Thursday, June 19th. This is an indoor air conditioned event in a



Stella Mattson (center) with Deanna Wallace (left) & Cindy Cebulak from LAPFCU.

beautiful setting with delicious food and that LAPD fellowship that can't be beat. More details coming next month.

Take care, stay healthy and catch us at: pismoguygal@charter.net.

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Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

The March run was held at the regular location in Griffith Park behind the Park Ranger's headquarters. It was another beautiful Sunday morning with warm weather and good friends.

This was our final team run prior to the Baker to Vegas race. We had a great turnout of 20 runners. Newcomers were **Ray Crawford** and **Jorge Sanchez**. Jorge drove all the way from La Paz, Baja, California, to run with us. The others who came from a little closer were **Chuck McTaggart**, **Mel Sandvig**, **Kevin McNamara**, **John Martin**, **Keith Allen**, **Jay Hernando**, **Gene Peterson**, **Phil Booth**, **Mike Cherry**, **Mike Arroyo**, **J.J. Thompson**, **Joe Navera**, **Jim Becker**, **Jim O'Connor**, **Danny Staggs**, **Ron McCall**, **Bob Carter** and **Steve Keyser**.

Support personnel were **Virginia VanHoutte**, **Corki Rochlitz**, **Diane Harber**, **George Beck** and **Mike McKean**.

After the run and the cool down, we proceeded to our Sunday morning breakfast location. However, prior to eating, we sang Happy Birthday to Captain Chuck. After completing the

meal, we watched Chuck blow out the candles on his birthday cake brought by Keith Allen.

That afternoon the team captains got together and made the leg assignments. They stated that it was very close as to who was a runner and who was an alternate. I can't remember a year when there were not changes in assignments or that at least one alternate was used. Maybe this will be the year.

This year we have several new support personnel, and we are always looking for more. Keep us in mind. It's a great way to see "old" friends and make new ones. A couple of our enthusiastic support personnel not able to make the race this year are hopefully on the mend. Rudy Deleon is improving rapidly from his bypass valve replacement surgery and into his walking program. Neil Parker is in our prayers as his positive and cheerful attitude will be missed this year.

Don't forget the LAPD Memorial Run scheduled for May 3 at Dockweiler Beach.

Please keep those guys and gals in the other desert halfway around the world in your thoughts and prayers. They have a tough assignment and need our backing!

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Dates to Remember

	Event Time/ Social	Meal
MAY		
May 2-4 Italian American P.O.A. Laughlin Trip	0	
May 3 LAPD Memorial Relay	0700	
May 7 L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Meeting and Annual BBQ	1000	
May 8 SABLA	1130	1200
May 11-17 National Police Week		
May 17 Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament @ Rancho Park Golf Course	0800	
May 21 Valley Retired Blues	1030	
May 31 LAPD Armed Forces Family Appreciation Day at the Academy	1100	
JUNE		
June 2-4 77th Street Alumni Association Reunion at Las Vegas		
June 4 L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Meeting	1000	
June 6 Desert Refuge Charity Golf Tournament at Knollwood CC	1200	
June 7 Prescott Area Blue Line BBQ	1300	
June 12 William Caughey	1800	1900
June 12 S.A.B.L.A.	1130	1200
June 13-21 California Summer Games at Sacramento		
June 18 Valley Retired Blues	1030	
June 19 Central Coast Fuzz BBQ at Atascadero		

The Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

I thought and thought what to do for the April luncheon of the Inland Blue Line. I could not find a guest speaker. I have used everyone from the Department. Some two or three times. I thought about having an Easter egg hunt, but I realized I was only creating more and more work for myself, buying the eggs and getting them home in one piece. One hundred seventy-five is a lot of eggs to carry. Then coloring all of them then making maps for each member showing where the eggs were hid. You see some of us are not as young as we used to be. Some have a tendency to have a touch of "old timers." Well that thought lasted about ten minutes and then I forgot that. Aren't you all glad?

When I read the E.O.W. in *The Thin Blue Line*, I realize we are not getting any younger. I thought when I turned 80 I would start backwards and be 79, 78, 77 and so on until I reached 40 years, then I would start back up the ladder again. Then I realized I can no longer do the things I used to do. I'm sure all of you old timers know what I mean. Well, when I reached 80, I tried it for five years. I still have as many wrinkles. My hair is a little grayer. I walk a little slower. It just ain't working. I still look at the fairer sex, but that's all I do is look. So I guess I'll give up that idea and abide my time until I'm 86, and wake up each morning, look in the mirror and say, "Well, you made it another day. Enjoy it while you can."

We were all saddened by the passing of **Elaine "Dawn" Johnson**, March 20th. She was one sweet person. She helped me and the rest at the check-in door. Elaine had cancer, but you would never know it. She was always cheerful and took it one day at a time. Well come March she took a turn for the worse and passed away March 20th. Several people notified me on my answering machine, but I left town as soon as I mailed out the letters for the luncheon and was up north for the week when they had the funeral. I feel so bad for missing it. Most of the old time 77th Street policemen knew "Dawn." She and Sam were active in putting on the Las Vegas affair every year. She will be missed by all.

Lost another member of our club—**Robert Nett** of Apple Valley. I had no idea he was even ill. My notice came back marked "deceased."

Had a long letter from **Merrill Duncan**. He lives in Utah. He was our instructor going through the Academy starting March 16, 1949. Says he and his wife are planning on moving to Las Vegas. Maybe we can get him to come down as a guest speaker at one of our luncheons.

I have to apologize for the misspelling of Merrill's name in the March issue of *The Thin Blue Line*. They spelled it Dualan instead of Duncan. Given it's my fault, my writing isn't what it should be, and some have trouble deciphering it. I'll let you all know if we get him to come down. All the policemen that he taught in the Academy are invited to come to our luncheon. It would make a good show for a great guy.

I talked to **Floyd Phillips** the other day. He is not doing too well. He had back surgery and, like most of the back surgeries, it did not turn out too good. He says he will try and make the October luncheon.

Gourney Turner wrote that he will be in Australia and will miss the April

luncheon. As for me, I hate to travel anywhere these days. The farthest I get is the seven western states and then if I can drive. Not much on flying these days. I put enough time in the air from 1941 to 1973.

Had a letter from **Stuart Sipma**. He is back at his home in Palm Desert. He had told me he was moving to Duluth, Minn. to be near his wife, **Lucille**. She is in a nursing home in Duluth near their daughter, but he could not take the harsh weather so he is back in sunny California. Sent me his dues and wants to continue on in the club and attend when he can. He is in the retirement book so any of you that worked around Stuart or with him, drop him a line or a card.

As I think I wrote, the Inland Blue Line club voted to raise the dues from \$5 to \$10 per year due to the cost of supplies and clerical work involved. Some still think it is \$5 and mailed in their check. We'll work it out. If we can keep our heads above water, we will make it. Had some comments from some of the members when dues were raised from \$5 to \$10. So I sent out a letter asking if they still wanted to belong to the club. Gave them those choices. Most of them sent answers back that they wanted to belong. Several said they want to be active members but that due to illness and unable to drive anymore, they probably will not attend but they want to know what is going on. About 11 wrote they are resigning due to various reasons. Some due to the raise on dues. Some because it is too far and they can't drive that far. Some for health reasons. We understand and will welcome them all back should the situation change.

We all aren't getting any younger. Thank goodness I'm still plugging away. I'm on the go constantly at 85. I tell myself, "Kid, you are only getting started," and then I turn over and go back to sleep. I have run out of room so will continue the membership roster next month. I have had good response over the publishing of the names of the club members.

The next luncheon will be Wednesday, October 8, 2003, at the same location. All LAPD members are welcome.

And while I still have my wits about me, any of you younger retirees help me out. I've run this club for 20 years. It's a great club, finest bunch of retirees and their wives I have seen, but I'm plumb tuckered out and need someone to take over. I'll help until they get their feet on dry ground. It is rewarding and fun. Please contact me. You can even change the location of the luncheon. As long as it's within a 50-mile radius. But you won't find a better place that treats us like kings than the Anchor restaurant in Hemet.

Bought myself a new car. Well not brand new, but later model. Bought it from the credit union sale on March 8. It is a 1999 Toyota Avalon sedan, pearl white, with all the goodies—sunroof and leather seats. The group that was conducting the sale treated me like a king. Credit union was on the spot to take care of the finances. So many good vehicles, it was hard to choose. Next one, give them a try. You'll be glad you did.

So until next time, remember be careful, buckle up. It's a jungle out there. We want you around for a long while, and God bless. Oh yes, my phone number is the same: 909-925-4491. If a woman answers, hang up. You've dialed the wrong number. I live alone. Damn it! ♦

Retired Van Nuys Detectives Lunch

by Clinton O. Erickson

Every year during the month of March around St Patrick's Day the "OLD VAN NUYS CITY HALL" DETECTIVES AND FRIENDS gather for a luncheon. This year the luncheon was held on Saturday March 15th, which was one of our wettest days of the year with about four inches of rain.

Jim Glasgow is in charge of the event and mails out notices for the lunch with a current roster of the detectives and friends with their addresses and phone numbers. This year and for the last few years the group meets at the 'LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT' in Chatsworth at the corner of DeSoto and Nordhoff. We renew old friendships and reminisce about the working days in Van Nuys City Hall and what has been happening since the last lunch. This year there were 21 attendees, as last year we had 26 and the weather may have kept a few from coming this year.

The following were present this year: **Dale AYERS**, **Ken BRONDELL**, **Bernie BYRNE**, **Jerry COHEN**, **Jack CROWLEY**, **Clinton ERICKSON**, **Al GASTALDO**, **Lindo GIACOPUZZI**, **Jim GLASGOW**, **John GRANT**, **Rod GRANT**, **John IDE**, **Pat LONG**, **John OLSEN**, **Ralph RIES**, **Guy SCHLOTZHAUER**, **Floyd TANNER**, **Jim TOOMEY**, **Tony TROTSKI**, **Jim WILDING**, and **Clem ZUMEL**. **John MC ELHINNEY** has been a regular attendee and shortly after the lunch learned he had passed away at his home in Bakersfield on Friday before our gathering. The last time some of us saw John was at **Bill GULDNER'S** funeral last December.

The attendees came from the following cities: Agoura Hills, Burbank, Chatsworth, Granada Hills, Hermosa Beach, Laguna Beach, Monarch Beach, North Hills, Northridge, Rancho Mirage, Simi Valley, Sylmar, Tarzana, Thousand Oaks, Van Nuys, Westlake Village, and Woodland Hills. ♦

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77th Street Division Alumni Assoc. Reunion-2003

It's hard to believe that in June, 1982, we had the first reunion of the 77th Street Division Alumni Association. It was the brainchild of **Morris (Mac) Candlish**, and **George Surber**. It was a complete success, and now, 21 years later, we are still going strong. Our numbers have diminished, from 175 to 114, but when we hear "see you next year," we start making plans. We have some attendees who have been to all 20, and some who are just now able to make it for the first time. Some bring spouses, sons, daughters, friends, and caregivers. We have people who come from as far as Oklahoma. Unfortunately, we lose a few friends each year, but their widows come.

Plans for our 21st reunion are made, and we thought some of you would like to know who attended last year. Maybe you will see a classmate, or former partner, and it might spur your desire to come this year. We have listed the officers in alphabetical order and would like to add your name to the list. Do you know **Bill Achen**,

Abel Armas, **Curt Batchelder**, **Augusta (Gustie) Bell**; **Pete Brautovich**, **James Byrd**, "Mac" **Candlish**, **Robert (Bob) Carleton**; **Robert (Bob) Drees**, **Vic Elliott**, **Al Fried**, **Sharon Fried**, **Richard (Dick) Gingras**, **Robert (Bob) Hogenbaugh**, **Marty Hairabedian**, **Jack Halstead**, **Jim Hardin**, **Harley Hunnel**, **John Hunt**, **Sam Johnson**, **Bill Lietz**, **Charles (Charlie) Loust**, **Rolph Lucke**, **William (Bill) Mathieson**, **Richard McCutcheon**, **Bernie Michaels**, **George Mogle**, **Lou Monico**, **Albert Pacheco**, **Robert Parker**, **John Pearson**, **Roland Phillips**, **Lew Ritter**, **Bill Rombal**, **Tony Ruiz**, **Jay Snow**, **Lou Sporrer**, **Sid Stoffel**, **George Surber**, **Richard Sweet**, **Paul Thomas**, **Al Trader**, **Jan Van Leeuwen**, **Robin Welborn**, **Dave Wheeler**, **Donald G. Williams**, **Harold Yarnell**, and **Marty Yturralde**?

We would like ALL active and retired officers to attend. You'll have a good time. See our announcement in the *Blue Line*. Hope to see you there.

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

Dateline: Sacramento (Area Blue Line Association)...We are now in the month of May. You know what that means! SABA's next meeting is on **May 8th** at **Friends Restaurant** in **Rancho Cordova** (just off Hwy 50 at Zinfandel Road). Mother's Day is on May 11, and Armed Forces Day is on May 17. Needless to say, we should all be extremely PROUD and thankful for all of our military personnel serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world. I remember that during my time in the USMC Reserves back in the mid 60's,

in the "blue" uniforms vs those in the brown/green. **Jeff** responded about how he gets to wear 4 stars on his collar with a large nametag while **Joel** gets to wear only 3 stars on his collar, with a small, hard to read, nametag. Two really great guys and we wish both of them and their departments well.

Other guests attending the meeting beside myself, **Chuck Crawford** and **Hoy Key** were such notables as **Roy Kerton**, **Gene DeCrona**, **Jim Byrd**, **Joe Sandoval**, **Carl Kuehn**, **Bill McMonagle**, **Tony Baldassano**, **Bob Kiel**, **Ron and Marilyn**



SABA President Chuck Crawford, Roseville Chief of Police Joel Neves, his twin brother, El Dorado County Sheriff Jeff Neves and SABA Secretary Hoy Key

the City of Torrance hosted an annual Armed Forces Day Parade every year. I don't know if Torrance still hosts that parade. But if they do, I highly recommend you try to attend it in support of our troops.

Our March meeting was a smashing success. 24 members and guest attended the meeting to hear our two guest speakers, twin brothers **Joel** and **Jeff Neves** (see above photo - Jeff is the one with the moustache). Not only were they interesting to listen to, but they also brought some humor as they discussed their careers and compared their departments. Both promoted up through the ranks at about the same pace which was great to see, especially today when some agencies go outside their own department to hire their Chief. This is not to take anything away from those in those currently in those positions. But it is hard to believe a department can't find a qualified "home grown" representative from their own ranks...Anyway, **Joel Neves** kidded about how we (SABA members) could relate to those serving

Kiser, **Ray Lauritzen**, **Denis McDonald** (see Denis—I spelled **McDonald** right this time), **Chuck Ward**, **Chuck Blogin**, **Nate Iannone**. Also attending were retired officer **Josephine Stevens** and the wife of the late **Carl Hatter**, **Norrie Hatter**. **Art Nevarez** brought **Heinz Schmidt** who is a policeman in Germany and works anti-terrorists. Heinz also is a part-time resident of California as he has bought a home in the Sacramento area. His wife works for an international airline that makes commuting affordable.

Get well wishes continue to go out to **Charlie Long** and **Bob Tucker**. Charlie's wife **Carmen** reports that he does enjoy hearing from you. Feel free to stop by, call or drop him a line.

Well that does it for now. I guess I'll have to write next month's *Blue Line* article, as Mr. **Remas** won't be back in time for the April meeting. I did hear from **Vic Elliott**'s wife and she indicated that they are going to try to attend either the May or June SABA meeting as will be **Ed Slattery**. See you on **May 8th**!!....Ed

All Active and Retired LAPD

the 21st 77th Street Division Alumni Association Reunion

WHERE: San Remo Hotel, 115 E. Tropicana Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada
WHEN: June 2, 3, & 4, 2003
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CUTOFF DATE: May 1, 2003

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Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

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We had 36 attending March 19th luncheon. The following attended **Don BARNETT** (7433), **Ken BRONDELL** (3336), **Ted DEBS** (6808), **Emmett DRENNEN** (3279), **Ed ELLIOTT** (4703), **Hilliard (Curly) ELLIOTT** (4534), **Ray ELMER** (5607), **Clinton ERICKSON** (5608), **Billi FELIZ**, **Bob FRITZ** (4583), **Lindo GIACOPUZZI** (3012), **Chuck GOURLEY** (10016), **John GROGAN** (11852), **John KEPKE** (4603), **Dean KNOUSE** (6057), **Bob MAY** (3747), **Lou MELLOTT** (4037), **Boris MENEGHELLI** (3522), **George MOORE** (10565), **Joe MORGAN** (10888), **Lou NETZA** (7655), **Les NOLTE** (10821), **Jake ORBUS** (5407), **Pete PRIETO** (6382), **Ben REINEKE** (3190), **Dan RICKETTS** (11163), **Duane (Whitey) RYBURN** (3981), **Arnie SAURO** (6104), **Guy SCHLOTZHAUER** (2804), **Phil SIEGAL** (6618), **Barbara and Ted (7737) SPRULL**, **Stu STREMSTERFER** (4394), **Jim TRAX** (6185), **Dean WARNER** (5682), and **Earl WELLS** (6297). There weren't any new attendees this month, but several that have not attended for a while.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clints@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters. Our meeting information and attendees are on www.LARFPA.com, Web site. The names appear on the Web site about a month prior to seeing them in the *Blue Line* column. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in May and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the 3rd Wednesday of each month. ♦

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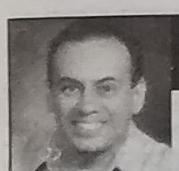
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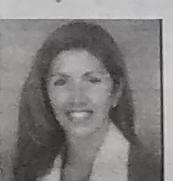
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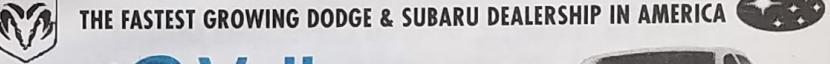
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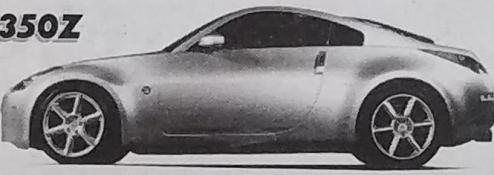
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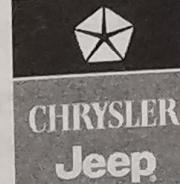
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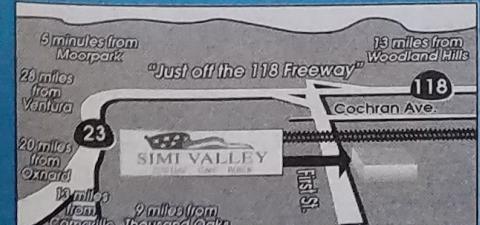
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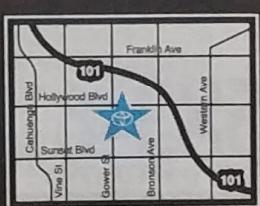
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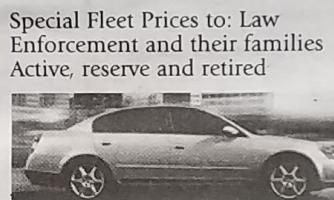
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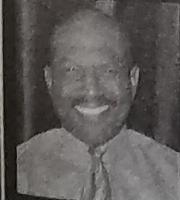
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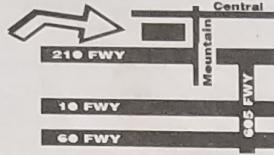
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